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Special flight to bring back stranded tourists

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The Karnataka government announced on Wednesday that a special flight is being arranged to bring back over 40 tourists from Karnataka stranded in Kashmir following the terror attack in Pahalgam on Tuesday. Three persons from the State were among those killed in the attack. They are Manjunath Rao from Shivamogga, Bharath Bhushan, and Madhusudan Rao from Bengaluru.

Ex gratia payment
Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday also announced an ex gratia payment of ₹10 lakh to the families of each of the victims who lost their lives in the attack.

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Indus treaty with Pak. put on hold

- India flags 'Pak. links' to Pahalgam attack, unveils 5-pronged response
- Attari check post shut; Pakistan nationals told to return by May 1
- Special visas deemed cancelled; diplomatic staff to be withdrawn

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NEW DELHI

India will hold the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan "in abeyance with immediate effect", Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri announced on Wednesday. It is part of the five-pronged response that was decided upon after Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) in the aftermath of the terror strike in Pahalgam that left 26 dead.

The CCS took note of the "cross-border linkages" of the terror attack in Pahalgam, Mr. Misri said, adding, "The Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 will be held in abeyance with immediate effect, until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism."

Stern review: Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairs a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security, in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

A decision was also taken to close the Integrated Check Post in Attari with "immediate effect". "Those who have crossed over with valid endorsements may return through that route before May 1," Mr. Misri said, indicating that Pakistan nationals holding Indian visas will have to return by that date.

He further announced that Pakistan nationals will not be permitted to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES). "Any SVES visas issued in the past to Pakistani nationals are deemed cancelled. Any Pakistani national currently in India under SVES visa has 48 hours to leave India," he said.

The CCS also declared defence advisers in the Pakistani High Commission here as *persona non grata*. "They have a week to leave India. India will be withdrawing its own advisers from the Indian High Commission in Islamabad. These posts in the respective High Commissions are deemed annulled. Five support staff of the Service Advisers will also be withdrawn from both High Commissions," he said, adding that the strength of both missions "will be brought down to 30 from 55 through further reductions by May 1."

All-party meeting
Following the meeting, Union Home Minister Amit Shah reached out to political parties for an all-party meeting on Thursday.

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2 Kashmiris suspected to be among the attackers

Vijaita Singh
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NEW DELHI/PAHALGAM

Two Kashmiri men who travelled to Pakistan in 2018 are believed to be among the six or seven armed terrorists who killed 26 civilians at Baisaran in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, on Tuesday afternoon, a government source told *The Hindu*.

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SC tells T.N. Minister to choose between his post and freedom

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday took stern exception to the continuance of Tamil Nadu Minister for Electricity, Prohibition, and Excise V. Senthilbalaji in office while out on bail in money laundering proceedings linked to a cash-for-jobs 'scam', saying "you have to make a choice between the post and your freedom".

A Bench of Justices A.S. Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan was on the brink of passing an interim order, but was persuaded by senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Mukul Rohatgi and advocate Ram Shanker, appearing for the Minister, to give him time till Monday to make the "choice".

Justice Oka remarked that the Bench would even record in its order that it had been a "mistake" to grant him bail. He pointed out that Mr. Senthilbalaji had not been a Minister at the time of the granting of bail. He had been given bail not on the merits of the case but because the court stood up for the fundamental right to personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution.

The court observed that his continuation as a Minister placed him in a position to influence witnesses and potentially derail the trial.

V. Senthilbalaji

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TOTAL ADVANCES	44,366	39,970	11.00%
OPERATING PROFIT	1,746	1,482	17.81%
NET PROFIT	1,183	1,072	10.35%
NON INTEREST INCOME	851	645	31.94%
NET INTEREST INCOME	2,301	2,151	6.97%
SMA %	2.55%	3.97%	142 bps
GROSS NPA %	1.25%	1.44%	19 bps
NET NPA %	0.36%	0.85%	49 bps
ROA(*) %	1.88%	1.84%	4 bps
EPS (₹)	74.68	67.70	10.31%
CRAR %	32.71%	29.37%	334 bps

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Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 31.03.2025 (Audited)	Quarter Ended 31.03.2024 (Audited)	Year Ended 31.03.2025 (Audited)	Year Ended 31.03.2024 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	1542.06	1417.61	6141.75	5492.85
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	386.78	343.01	1574.89	1393.58
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	386.78	343.01	1574.89	1393.58
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	291.90	253.06	1182.61	1072.03
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive Income (after tax)	NA	NA	NA	NA
6.	Equity Share Capital	158.35	158.35	158.35	158.35
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous Year	-	-	8850.34	7762.85
8.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
	a) Basic:	18.44	15.98	74.68	67.70
	b) Diluted:	18.44	15.98	74.68	67.70

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Tell-tale signs — who's hot, who's not and the road ahead

From Piastri's bright start to Verstappen extracting the maximum out of available resources, the indications are that the Formula One 2025 season will be a three-way battle with Norris also in the mix; Hamilton seeking redemption will add to the drama

S. Dipak Ragav

The Formula One caravan has had a busy season, completing five races in the space of six weeks. With nearly one-fifth of the 24-race calendar done, the championship battle is heating up nicely as just 12 points separate the top three drivers in the standings.

The Hindu examines some of the key trends that have emerged so far.

Oscar lays down the marker: Despite winning two races in his sophomore campaign last year, doubts remained about how good Oscar Piastri was.

The Aussie showed improvement last year, working on his weakness in tyre management, but he was still well short of teammate Lando Norris' level. The qualifying performance, in particular, was a concern. However, his consistent results in the race ensured McLaren clinched the constructors' title.

Coming into the season, many wondered how good the Australian was and if he could take another giant step, or if the improvement curve would show signs of flattening. Five races in, few would have expected Piastri to be leading the championship and winning a majority of the races (three).

The 24-year-old has clearly taken a step forward in qualifying, clinching pole position in two events and finishing within a tenth of a second of the pole-sitter in the other three. Besides Suzuka, where he was third on the grid, Piastri has been on the front row in the other four rounds.

While he cruised to victory in China and Bahrain from pole, his most recent win in Saudi Arabia showed that he is well-prepared for a long and gruelling title campaign.

Although he underperformed in qualifying, losing pole to Max Verstappen, Piastri was aggressive on the opening lap and could have taken the lead had the former not committed a tactical foul by running wide into turn one, which allowed him to stay ahead. Once the stewards handed Verstappen a five-second penalty, Piastri inherited the lead after the pit stops and kept the reigning champion at arm's length for the rest of the race.

By being decisive in his battle against Verstappen, who is known for his aggressive wheel-to-wheel racing, Piastri has laid down a marker and shown that he won't be bullied by the four-time champion.

Piastri now has a 10-point lead over teammate Norris and 12 over Verstappen and has the wind in his sails.

Since his costly mistake in the opening race on home soil in Melbourne when he spun out in wet conditions from second to ninth, Piastri has come back strongly, displaying great mental fortitude. Overturning a 23-point deficit to Norris in the next four rounds is a testament to his steely resolve.

At the same time, the Aussie will also know he underachieved in Japan and Jeddah. By qualifying third in Suzuka after fluffing his final lap of qualifying, he had to settle for the final step of the podium on a weekend when he was probably the quickest driver.

Despite his lead, in a long season, these errors could add up, and Piastri will be well aware of the areas of improvement. And if the first two years are anything to go by, the Aussie has demonstrated time and again that he is a quick learner.

Norris' struggles: While Piastri leads the standings, his teammate Norris has had a far tougher start to the year, which has once again raised questions about his abilities and if he has what it takes to become a champion.

Though the British driver has won a race and is just 10 points behind, he has not been comfortable with the traits of the McLaren. Norris, who gave a good fight to Verstappen last year, was expected to lead his team's charge. Especially considering McLaren has the fastest machinery, many believed this would be the 25-year-old's best chance to win a title.

And when he produced a dominant display in Melbourne, winning from pole in a wet race where conditions were treacherous at times, it reiterated his credentials as the favourite for the title.

However, since then, Norris has had some sub-par weekends where he has struggled to match his teammate. He had a tough outing in China, and not nailing his lap in qualifying in Japan meant he had to settle for second behind Verstappen. Bahrain was his worst weekend, as he qualified sixth and made a mess at the start, which earned him a penalty before he recovered to finish third. There are also concerns about his ability to handle pressure when the stakes get high. In Jeddah, Norris made the most costly error of the season, crashing out in qualifying on a weekend when he was comfortably quicker than Piastri.

It meant he had to start from 10th and managed to finish only fourth. His struggles in passing Lewis Hamilton also probably cost him a podium.

In contrast, Piastri dispatched the Ferrari driver easily with a bold move when the latter least expected it, and it proved decisive in securing the race win. In a tight battle, these small things can have a significant impact.

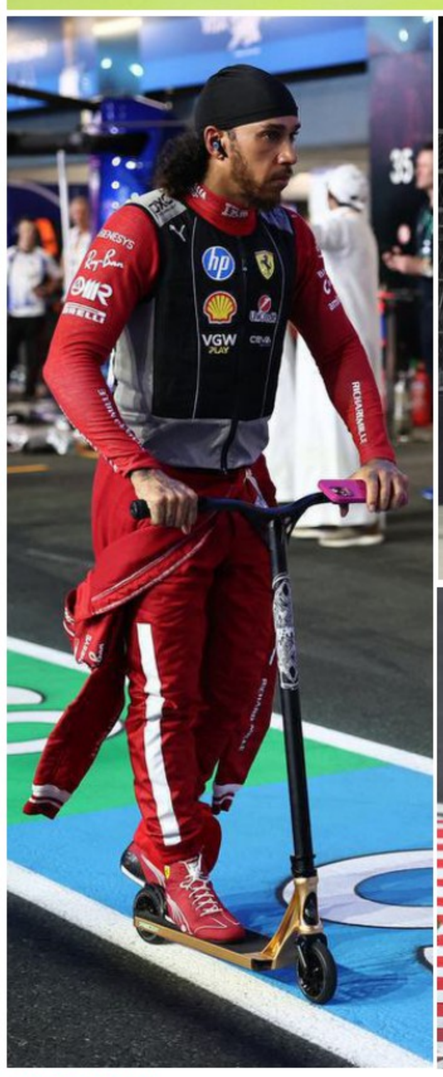
Norris needs to use this two-week break to do some soul searching and also find a way to get to grips with his McLaren. When the caravan reassembles in Miami, Norris will hope to reignite his season at the track where he scored his maiden Grand Prix win last year.

Max Magic: In every sport, there are periods in which an athlete seems invincible. In modern F1, Verstappen is currently operating in a zone where he is extracting every ounce of himself and the car to stay in the title battle, despite his Red Bull not currently matching McLaren's outright pace.

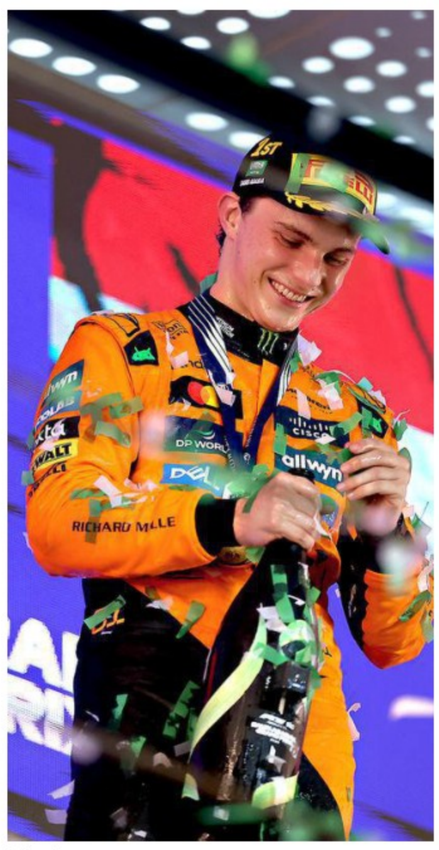
The Dutchman has already produced sensational qualifying laps to take pole position twice and won a race in Suzuka with his sheer genius work on Saturday. Even as Red Bull trails McLaren by a whopping 99 points, Verstappen is only 12 points behind Piastri in the drivers' standings as he pursues a fifth-straight drivers' title.

The Red Bull is a capricious car in the way it handles, and yet the 27-year-old is somehow not only taming it but also managing to extract results that most others can't imagine, scoring 87 of the team's 89 points.

The big unknown right now is how long Verstappen can continue this and whether it is sustainable. Tracks like Suzuka and Jeddah flattered Red Bull's performance, considering the layout and temperatures helped them mask some of their weaknesses.



Wheel-to-wheel: By being decisive in his battle against Verstappen, Piastri has shown that he won't be bullied by the Dutchman. Hamilton hasn't found the spark while Norris is yet to bring his A-game. The defending champion's only success this season came at Suzuka. REUTERS, AP & GETTY IMAGES



Piastri. GETTY IMAGES

If the energy-drink giant fails to develop a car that allows Verstappen to defend his title, there is also a possibility that he could leave the team despite having a contract until 2028. If it happens, it could be a massive blow for the team, considering no other driver can do what Verstappen is managing.

Trouble in Maranello: Last year, Ferrari pulled off a coup when it snapped up Hamilton from Mercedes and then almost won the constructors' title, falling short by just 14 points. The Italian marque had a great end to the season in 2024, consistently fighting at the sharp end of the grid. The expectation was that the Scuderia could build on this and start strongly in its bid to fight for the title, ending a 17-year drought.

However, it has not been smooth sailing for the Prancing Horse as the team is stuck in a no-man's land. It is the fourth-fastest car on the grid, unable to fight for a top-three position and well clear of the midfield pack.

The Rosso corsa-coloured cars have a lot of catching up to do. The way it has lost performance compared to the other top teams has been puzzling and raises questions about the team's capabilities in building a car that can fight for titles.

Charles Leclerc, at least, gave something for the tifosi to cheer for when he clinched the team's first podium in Jeddah. It was a superbly executed drive, running long on the first set of tyres and then managing to keep the faster Norris at bay towards the closing stages.

While Leclerc has still managed to get some good results, Hamilton has had a rough start to the season. When the seven-time champion won the sprint race in China in only his second appearance, there was much excitement and the promise of more good times, but it seems to have been just a flash in the pan. Since then, it has been a hiding to nothing for the most decorated driver in history as he has struggled massively compared to his teammate.

Hamilton's aura has been somewhat diminished since 2022, when the new regulations took effect. He was shaded by teammate George Russell in Mercedes last year. The feeling was that the Mercedes did not suit his style, and a change of scenery could rejuvenate the 40-year-old.

Unfortunately, Hamilton cut a forlorn picture in Saudi and indicated that he doesn't see any light at the end of the tunnel. "At the moment, there's no fix. So this is how it's going to be for the rest of the year. It's going to be painful," Hamilton was quoted as saying after finishing seventh and nearly half a minute behind Leclerc.

Considering he is at the back-end of his career, it remains to be seen if Hamilton can adapt to the demands of the car and still operate at his best. It would be a great disservice to his career if he walked away from the sport after a disappointing spell at Ferrari.

THE GIST

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Research and innovation centre inaugurated

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BENGALURU

M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education, officially inaugurated the Wolverhampton-Bengaluru Research and Innovation Centre at the newly established academic wing of Bengaluru City University (BCU) recently. The centre is a collaborative initiative between BCU and the University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom.

Suresh Renukappa, Director of the Centre, outlined the research priorities in his introductory address. He stated that the centre would focus on vital areas including climate resilience, healthcare, smart cities and villages, energy security, waste-to-wealth initiatives, pollution control, and the Brand Bengaluru initiative.

In his keynote address, Prof.Prashant Pillai, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wolverhampton, highlighted the joint efforts behind the creation of the centre. He mentioned that the centre will facilitate scholar exchange programs, joint PhD opportunities, seminars, and conferences to foster international academic collaboration.

Ebrahim Adia, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wolverhampton, underscored the importance of the historic academic ties between India and the UK.

He stressed the value of such international collaborations in addressing global challenges.

Face-based Aadhaar authentication system to mark attendance of faculties

System expected to prevent ghost faculty and streamline faculty attendance in medical colleges

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

With an aim to prevent malpractices such as ghost faculties, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has taken steps to implement the Face-based Aadhaar authentication system (FACE AEBAS) for marking attendance of faculty in all medical colleges.

The NMC has stated that to leverage the latest technology and to make the attendance process user-friendly, it has decided to fully shift to the new attendance system.

A file photo of attendance being recorded using a finger authentication device. Presently, all the medical colleges and institutions are using AEBAS. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

From May 1

In the wake of the NMC order, the Medical Education Directorate of Karnataka has taken steps to implement the FACE AEBAS in all government and private medical colleges across the State from May 1.

Presently, all the medical colleges and institutions are using Aadhaar-enabled Biometric Attendance system (AEBAS) for faculty attendance.

Dr. B.L. Sujatha Rathod, Director, Directorate of Medical Education, told *The Hindu*, "Till now, AEBAS was used for faculty attendance in all medical colleges. However, NMC is implementing FACE AEBAS, which is more advanced and authentic. This new system will be able to prevent ghost faculty, and streamline faculty attendance. Henceforth, the NMC will directly monitor the attendance system of medical colleges faculty."

Faculty appointment

Due to various reasons, many medical colleges across India have failed to appoint faculty according to the number of students, as per the NMC norms. Colleges are allegedly running classes through ghost faculty in post-graduate medical courses like anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, forensic medicine, pharmacology, and microbiology, where the number of students is less.

It is common for some ghost faculty to teach in three to four colleges.

In 2024, the NMC had imposed fines ranging from ₹2 lakh to ₹16 lakh on 16 colleges in Karnataka that did not have full-fledged faculty.

FACE AEBAS app

For smooth implementation of FACE AEBAS, colleges will have to share GPS location in case they want the convenience of marking attendance via a mobile app.

Then, colleges will have to share the information to NMC through email with signature and stamp of the dean or principal of the college.

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> Director, Directorate of Medical Education

All faculty will have to install the FACE AEBAS app on their mobile phones.

The app will be activated on April 24. From May 1, marking of attendance – AEBAS via finger authentication device – will be discontinued, and only the FACE AEBAS will be activated.

"A majority of colleges that were penalized last year for not appointing the required faculty were government medical colleges. Ghost faculty practice is rampant in private medical colleges. So, the new attendance system will curb such practices and it will also contribute to quality medical education," said the principal of a government medical college in Bengaluru.

State urges NMC to increase medical seats as number of NEET aspirants surges

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Expressing concern over the widening gap between the number of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) aspirants and available medical seats, the Karnataka government on Wednesday urged the National Medical Commission (NMC) to significantly increase undergraduate medical seats across the country.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony of the 2019 batch of Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute (SABVMC), Minister for Medical Education and skill development, Sharan Prakash Patil, said over five lakh students appear for the NEET examination every year, but only around one lakh medical seats are available.

"This disparity needs immediate attention. The doctors we train in India are not just for our country, but for the world," he added.

Sharan Prakash Patil

Minister points out that there is a stark mismatch between demand and availability, adding that this disparity needs immediate attention

"There is a stark mismatch between demand and availability. The NMC must intervene," the Minister said, addressing NMC chairperson Dr. B.N. Gangadhara, who was present at the event.

A formal proposal has already been sent to the NMC seeking approval for an additional 800 undergraduate and 600 post-graduate medical seats in Karnataka starting this academic year.

Shortage of doctors

Dr. Gangadhara, in his address, highlighted the global shortage of nearly 3 crore doctors and encouraged the younger generation to take up medical careers.

"Indian doctors are in great demand worldwide, thanks to their strong academic foundation and English proficiency. One of NMC's key goals is to produce globally recognized medical professionals," he said.

Road rage case: Police continuing probe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Byappanahalli police are continuing the investigation into the road rage assault case involving a call centre employee and an IAF officer and questioned eyewitnesses to record their statements.

The police collected mobile clips recorded by witnesses who later intervened and tried to defuse the situation. After a countercomplaint was filed by the call centre employee, Vikas Kumar, the police charged Wg. Cdr. Shiladitya Bose under various sections including, attempt to murder, voluntarily causing hurt, snatching for theft, crime of mischief, intentional insult with an intent to provoke breach of peace). The two had got into a fistfight near C.V. Raman Nagar on Monday.

On Wednesday, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar spoke to Mr. Kumar and assured him of justice. JD(S) leader Nikhil Kumarswamy condemned the incident and extended support to Mr. Kumar.

The police are yet to question Wg. Cdr. Bose's wife, also an IAF officer, who was driving the car.

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Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on Behalf of President of India, invites e-tender from the reputed firms/contractor for the following works. **Tender Notice No.:** 09-2025-SrDENS **Name of Work:** Provisional of Holding area with all passenger amenities & other works for crowd management at PVR Station. (Part-01) **Approximate Cost of the work:** Rs. 4,99,10,594.92 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 3,99,600.00 **Completion period of the work:** 06 Months **Maintenance Period:** 12 Months **Last date & Time of uploading quoted tender on www.ireps.gov.in website:** 13.05.2025 upto 15.00 hrs **Date & Time of Opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in:** 13.05.2025 upto 15.30 hrs **The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender. Website: www.ireps.gov.in.** ANJ-45

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No. 09/2025 Dt. 17.04.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Auction for the following work.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description in Brief	Quantity	Tender Due on
1	50241051A	Lead Acid cell, Low Maintenance, 2 volt - 200AH	1859 Nos	02.05.2025
2	45251288	Set of VRLA Battery 110V,70AH	326 Sets	06.05.2025
3.	29251715	Set of Primary Helical Spring for WAG 9H Loco	480 Sets	09.05.2025
4.	33251355	Spheroelastic Rubber Bearing	508 Nos	26.05.2025
5.	33251395	Elastomeric Pad (TPE Spring pad)	260 Sets	29.05.2025
6	33251450	Set of Must Change Kit items for Brake System & WSP	82 Sets	05.06.2025
7.	33255012	One Coach Set of Air Spring Assembly (160 KN Capacity) for Main line/ Rajdhani LHB coaches	129 Sets	11.06.2025
		One Coach Set of Higher Capacity Air Spring Assembly (160 KN Capacity) for LHB coaches	30 Sets	

All Tender Closing Time : **Upto 10.30 hrs**

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Hubballi

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South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client Mr. K Sai Ravi Teja and Mrs. U Hemalatha intends to purchase Residential Property Bearing Site/Plot No.64, PID No.150200401601420540, measuring East to West 15.24 Meters (50 feet) and North to South 12.19 Meters (40 feet), totally measuring 185.78 Sq.Meters (2000 Sq ft) formed in Sy.No.54/1 & Sy.No.54/2, situated at Nimbekayipura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, in the Residential layout known as "MELROSE"and bounded on the;

East by : Site No.63; North by : Road;
West by : Road; South by : Site No.65;

from its Owner M/s.ARK Global Estates, represented by its Partner, Sri. K.Harsha Reddy and another.

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

If no objections or claims with proof are forthcoming within the said period, our Clients shall construe that the Schedule Property is free from encumbrances and claims or hold. Further, any subsequent objections or claims raised by any body thereafter the said date shall not be considered and our Clients shall not be held responsible. Our Clients shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property from the present owners.

Sd/-
Prashanth Vijayalakshmi & Associates,
Advocates, No.162, 1st Floor, 2nd Main,
Next to Kanthi Sweets, Kasturinagar, Bangalore-560 043.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Clients intends to transact with the owners of Item Nos. 1 to 4 of the Schedule Property viz.,

1a. MR. SUNIL ANTONIO De SOUSA (PAN : AAMPD9863G and AADHAAR NO. : 8164 1709 4442), aged about 66 years, son of Mr. Lt. Col. Joao Custodio De Sousa; and his wife,
1b. MRS. MANUELA De SOUSA @ MARIA MANUELA DORIS De SOUSA (PAN : ADEPD6826G and AADHAAR NO. : 3181 1704 8602), aged about 61 years, wife of Mr. Sunil Antonio De Sousa, both presently residing at No. 104, 2nd Main, Koramangala 1st Block, Bangalore – 560034;
2. Dr. PRITHI ARAUJO @ PRITHI MARIA De SOUSA ARAUJO (PAN : ACRPA4167H and AADHAAR NO. : 9272 2445 6642), aged about 72 years, wife of Dr. Edwin Araujo, presently residing at No. 245-B, Benaulim, Salcete, South Goa, Goa - 403716; and
3. Dr. RINA MARIA DIAS (PAN : AKAPD8082F and AADHAAR NO. : 4398 4092 2753), aged about 69 years, wife of Dr. Antonio Lima Dias, presently residing at H. No. 1160/B, Mazilvaddo, Benaulim, Salcete, South Goa, Goa – 403716;
who represented that they are the absolute owners of the properties mentioned in the Schedule hereunder.
Any person/s having objection for the transaction with the above person/s in respect of the Schedule Property or claims to have any right, title or interest in the Schedule Property, he/she shall intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. In the event no such claim is received within the stipulated time, our clients shall proceed with aforesaid transaction as if no such claim exists or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No. 1: (Owned by: Mr. Sunil Antonio De Sousa)
Property bearing **Municipal No. 21**, New PID No. 4965327572 (Old PID No. 68-106-21), situated at **3rd Main, S T Bed, Srinivagilu Extension, Bangalore – 560 103** (earlier Site No. 2, Old House List No. 144, Old VP Khatha No. 117, New Madivala Notified Area Khatha No. 90/90, in Property No. 17/C of Srinivagilu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore), measuring East to West : (90' + 88') feet/2 and North to South : 50 feet, in all measuring 4450 square feet, and bounded on the :
East by : Channel and Private Property; West by : Road
North by : Site No. 3, presently BBMP Municipal No. 20
South by : Site No. 1, presently BBMP Municipal No. 22
Item No. 2: (Jointly Owned by: Mr. Sunil Antonio De Sousa and Mrs. Manuela De Sousa)
Property bearing **Municipal No. 8,** New PID No. 2882162434 (Old PID No. 68-106-8), situated at **3rd Main, S T Bed, Srinivagilu Extension, Bangalore – 560 103** (earlier Site No. 5, Old House List No. 144, Old VP Khatha No. 117, New Madivala Notified Area Khatha No. 89/89, in Property No. 17/C of Srinivagilu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore), measuring East to West : (102' + 100') feet/2 and North to South : (40' + 24') feet/2, in all measuring 3385 square feet and bounded on the :
East by : Channel and Private Property; West by : Road
North by : Channel and Private Property
South by : Site No. 4, Presently BBMP Municipal No. 19
Item No. 3: (Owned by: Dr. Prithi Araujo)
Property bearing **Municipal No. 20,** New PID No. 2293716594 (Old PID No. 68-106-20), situated at **3rd Main, S T Bed, Srinivagilu Extension, Bangalore – 560 103** (earlier Site No. 3, Old House List No. 144, Old VP Khatha No. 117, New Madivala Notified Area Khatha No. 90/90, in Property No. 17/C of Srinivagilu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore), measuring East to West : (98' + 90') feet/2 and North to South : 50 feet, in all measuring 4700 square feet, and bounded on the :
East by : Channel and Private Property; West by : Road
North by : Site No. 4, Presently BBMP Municipal No. 19
South by : Site No. 2, presently BBMP Municipal No. 21
Item No. 4: (Owned by: Dr. Rina Maria Dias)
Property bearing **Municipal No. 19,** New PID No. 1520163209 (Old PID No. 68-106-19), situated at **3rd Main, S T Bed, Srinivagilu Extension, Bangalore – 560 103** (earlier Site No. 4, Old House List No. 144, Old VP Khatha No. 117, New Madivala Notified Area Khatha No. 89/89, in Property No. 17/C of Srinivagilu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore), measuring East to West : (102' + 98') feet/2 and North to South : 50 feet, in all measuring 5000 square feet, and bounded on the :
East by : Channel and Private Property; West by : Road
North by : Site No. 5, Presently BBMP Municipal No. 8
South by : Site No. 3, presently BBMP Municipal No. 20

Sd/-
Divya Vani H.K., B.A., LL.M.
Advocate
RAVI LOBO & CO.,
No. 37/7, Meanee Avenue, Tank Road,
S.C. Garden, Bangalore – 560 042
Tel: 080-41123363

Place: Bangalore
Dated: 23.04.2025

BEFORE THE HON'BLE II ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU

(CCH-17)

A.P. No. 17/2021

Petitioner : National Highways Authority of India
Project Implementation Unit - Bengaluru
Sy. No. 13, 14th Km, Nagasandra,
Bengaluru - Tumkuru Road (NH-4),
Bengaluru - 560073
Represented by its Project Director

V/S

Respondents : Sri. K N. Ashok and Others

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT No. 1 UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908

Respondent No. 1 : Sri. K. N. Ashok
S/o Late K. N. Narayan,
Aged Major
Residing at No. 20/3,
10th Cross,
Shantinagar,
Bengaluru-560027

Whereas the Petitioner above named has filed the above petition under Section 34 (2) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 before the Hon'ble II Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge At Bengaluru (CCH-17) seeking setting aside of the common arbitral award dated 17th March 2020 passed in Case No. LAQ/ARB/NH-7/CR/20/2016-17 pertaining to Sy. No. 66 acquired to an extent of 3,592 Sq.ft situated at Kadiganahalli Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, Jala Hobli acquired *vide* Final Notification bearing S.O. No. 1622 (E) dated 2nd July 2010. You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader on the **6th day of June 2025** at 11'o clock to answer the same, failing which the Petition will be disposed of *ex parte*.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 17th day of February 2025.

SINGHANIA & PARTNERS
SOLICITORS AND ADVOCATES
 # 701 & 702, PRESTIGE MERIDIAN II
NO. 30, M. G ROAD
BANGALORE-560001

"By ORDER OF THE COURT"
Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court
Bengaluru

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION
ISRO TELEMETRY TRACKING AND COMMAND NETWORK (ISTRAC), CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
Plot No. 12 & 13, 3rd Main, 2nd Phase, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bengaluru-560058. Ph: 080-28094182, 4541, Fax: 080-28094180

CORRIGENDUM-I DT: 23.04.2025

On behalf of President of India, **Item rate E-Tender** is invited from Contractors of appropriate class for the following work.

NIT No.	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/MAINT/E-TN-05/ 2025-26, dated 03.04.2025**
Description of work	**Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 60kVA (40kVA+20kVA) Modular UPS System at New GSAT 19 facility, IDSN Campus, ISTRAC, Bengaluru**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 23.66 Lakhs**
Tender document details	**E-tender**
Period of completion	**03 (Three) months**
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	From 16.00 hrs. on 04.04.2025 to 19.04.2025 till 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 03.05.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Bid clarification	From 11.00 hrs. on 05.04.2025 to 20.04.2025 till 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 04.05.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Last date and time of reply to bid clarification	21.04.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 05.05.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	22.04.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 06.05.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Due date and time of opening of tenders	24.04.2025 after 11.00 hrs. **Extended up to 08.05.2025 after 11.00 hrs.**
EMD	**Rs. 47,320/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details in website **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Head, CMG

Study reports lipids also guide evolution, not just DNA, proteins

Scientists' understanding of lipids is limited to their role as a packing material, as things that hold proteins; they're often imagined to be arranged in a homogenous layer made of round heads and long, flowy tails — readymade for proteins to just be dropped on; a recent study challenges this view

Somdatta Karak
HYDERABAD

Our bodies are made of cells. Each cell is a soup of smaller components, all working together to execute the body's various functions. Perhaps the most well-known of these components are proteins – long chains of amino acids that cells make with instructions from the DNA. When the DNA changes, the cell is able to make new proteins, sometimes with new functions, and in this way proteins are understood to be an integral part of evolution.

But new research is finding that this may also be a narrow view that misses other ways in which we evolve.

"Lipids make up to 30% [of the dry weight] of living cells. But people think of them only as shells," Sven Gould, an evolutionary cell biologist at the Institute for Molecular Evolution in Düsseldorf, said.

Time for an updated view

Lipids are fat in cells. A textbook image of the cell membrane (which is what Gould meant by "shell") shows proteins jostling in a bed of lipids. Scientists know a lot about these membrane proteins. About 25% of all human proteins are estimated to be located in the membranes. They carry out many functions: as receptors, they bind to specific molecules outside the cell; as channels, they allow specific molecules to enter and leave the cell; and as catalysts, they help speed up chemical reactions.

On the other hand, scientists' understanding of lipids is limited to their role as a packing material, as things that hold proteins. In fact, they're often imagined to be arranged in a homogenous layer made of round heads and long, flowy tails – readymade for proteins to just be dropped on.

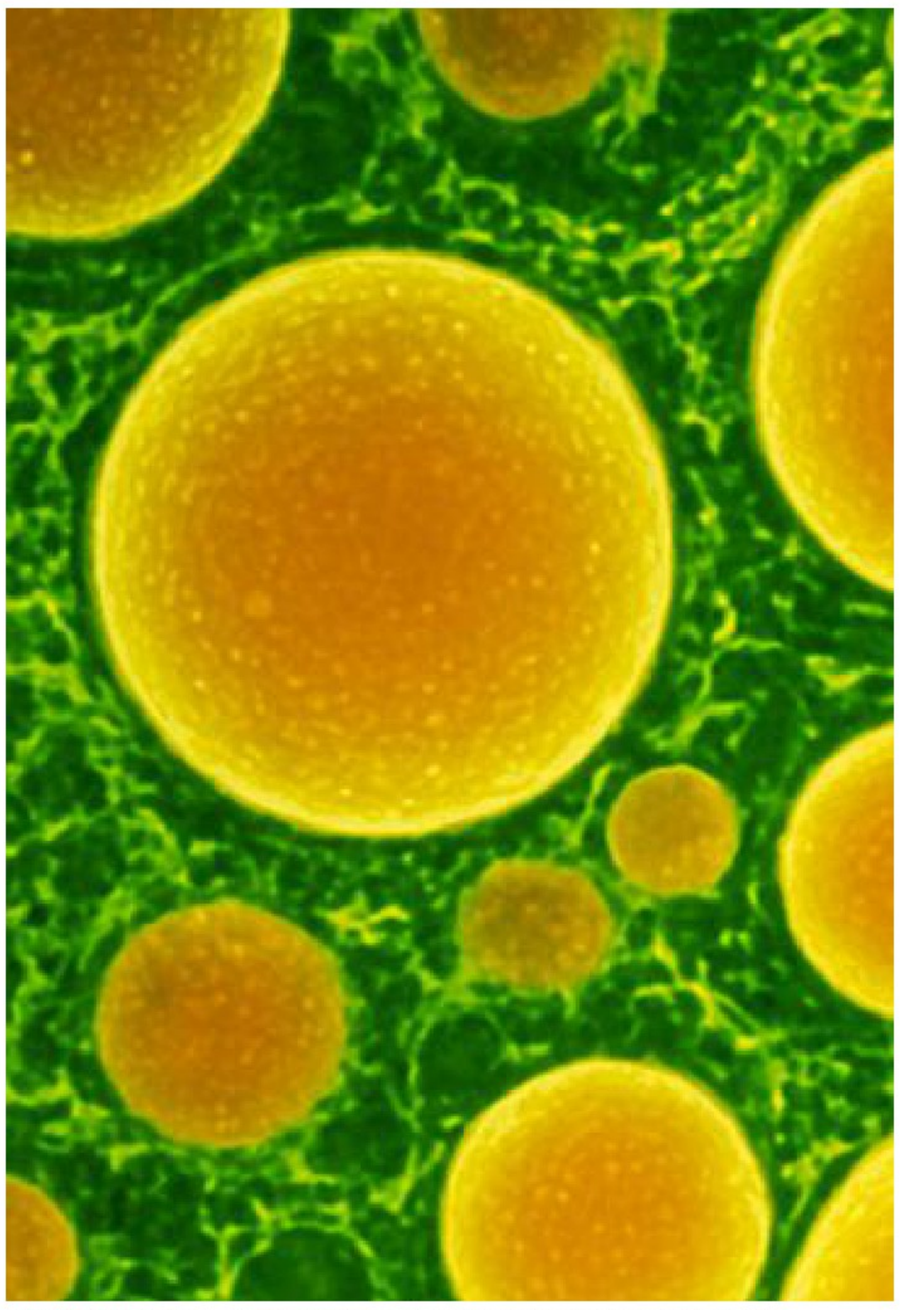
A study published recently in *Nature Communications* from Swasti Raychaudhuri's lab at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, challenges this view.

The RC1 complex

The team's study focused on a group of membrane proteins called respiratory complex 1 (RC1). RC1 and other similar complexes are essential for cells to produce energy when the body breathes oxygen. They are found in the mitochondrial inner membranes of all eukaryotic cells that require oxygen to respire – including ours.

RC1 is the largest of these respiratory complexes. In humans, it is an obtuse-angled complex made of 44 proteins in humans. Some of the proteins are made in the cell's cytoplasm and some inside the mitochondria. They find their way to the mitochondrial inner membrane to form the complex.

To study RC1, the scientists divided it into three parts: one that faces the inside of the mitochondria and catalyses reactions for energy production during respiration; one that moves through the lipid-rich mitochondrial inner membrane and acts as a canal for hydrogen ions; and one that extends into the space between the inner and outer mitochondrial membranes and whose exact roles are not yet understood.



New findings: An image of cell membrane shows proteins jostling in a bed of lipids. This is a representative illustration created with AI.

Since RC1 is essential for respiration in living cells, mutations in it are expected to cause diseases. When looking for known RC1 mutations associated with diseases, the research team found something unexpected in the inter-membrane RC1 part: half of the mutations were in regions that interact with lipids in the mitochondrial membranes.

Upon investigating further, the researchers found that the inter-membrane parts of RC1 as well as lipids in the membranes are not the same in all life forms. Plants and animals have different versions. Using precise biochemical techniques, the researchers examined the lipid variety in cells and found that plant lipids have a kinkier structure than their animal counterparts. They attributed this to plant lipids being rich in polyunsaturated fatty acids.

Using computational models, the team then compared the affinities between inter-membrane proteins of human and plant RC1s and a human and plant lipid called cardiolipin. It is the most prominent lipid found in the mitochondrial membranes.

They found that the proteins in human cells preferred human lipids over plant lipids, and vice versa. Similarly, in cultured cells, when team members inserted a part of plant RC1 that faces the lipids in the membranes into human mitochondrial membranes, they found that the complex disintegrated. In other words, the RC1 complex needs cardiolipin from organisms of the same kingdom for it to maintain its physical integrity. The team concluded that certain details in the structures and composition of lipids decide which proteins can exist with them.

Going a step further, the researchers have suggested that membrane lipids have evolved over time to suit the survival needs of different organisms.

The kinkier tails of plant lipids offer greater structural flexibility in the membranes. This could have been because plant-like organisms have faced variegated environmental stresses through history, like drought, heat, and salinity, and benefit from having structurally flexible lipids.

Importantly, the proteins would then have had to co-evolve with the lipids to function correctly.

The study also opens up the possibility of understanding human health better. Drugs like statins are commonly used to control cholesterol – another prominent lipid – in cells

Need for new tools

In fact the new study may be the first to support the idea of lipid-protein co-evolution in mitochondrial membranes. Of course, it also holds up previous research that has demonstrated how lipids and proteins cross-talk in other membranes inside cells.

"Most labs study the roles of DNA, RNA, and proteins in evolution because a large community has grown around it," Gould said. "However, evolution happens through all kinds of molecules that make up living cells and we need to study them."

Not just in evolution: the study also opens up the possibility of understanding human health better. Drugs like statins are commonly used to control cholesterol – another prominent lipid – in cells. As scientists develop a fuller understanding of the roles lipids essay, they may assess and optimise the long-term use of substances like statins. The role of lipids in controlling the entry of pathogens into cells also demands attention.

However, these studies also require more sophisticated biological tools that don't yet exist. Lipids are more complex molecules than proteins. While proteins are well-understood polymers consisting of 20 amino acids arranged in different ways, lipids are made of fatty acids that vary in length and chemical composition both. Their composition in particular is only partly controlled by an individual's genes; the rest is influenced by diet and other environmental factors. Existing tools to study lipids also fall short when accounting for these complexities.

"It is extremely difficult to reconstitute lipids in labs. And membrane proteins are the toughest. But computational methods have developed faster than the biochemical tools," Gould added. "Will these inspire more scientists to take up lipid biochemistry? That remains to be seen."

It's nevertheless clear that textbook images and the scientific imagination both need to change their attitudes towards membrane lipids. LDL, HDL, triglycerides, and cholesterol are already part of our daily consciousness. Studying these and other lipids further can thus help improve medical care as well as enhance our view of evolution. It's a win-win.

(Somdatta Karak, PhD heads science communication and public outreach at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad.)

Climate experts have proposed urgent measures, including paid heat leave. THULASI KAKKAT

Experts seek 'right to cool' for informal sector workers

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Climate experts have proposed urgent measures, including paid heat leave, free water ATMs at labour hubs and legal recognition for the 'right to cool', to protect India's informal workforce during the extreme summer months.

More than 80% of Delhi's workers, including street vendors, construction labourers and ragpickers, face severe health risks and income loss due to extreme heat. The women among them are disproportionately affected, the experts said. Amruta, a campaigner at Greenpeace India, highlighted that heat waves were no longer just weather events but disasters for those without shelter, water or rest spaces.

A 2024 report found that 61% of street vendors lost more than 40% of their daily income during extreme heat while 75% lacked access to cooling infrastructure near workplaces

A Greenpeace India report last year found that 61% of street vendors lost more than 40% of their daily income during extreme heat while 75% lacked access to cooling infrastructure near workplaces.

Hisham Mundol, chief advisor at Environmental Defense Fund - India, said informal workers bore the brunt of heat waves and rising cases of dehydration, heatstroke and chronic illnesses such as kidney damage underscored the urgent need for intervention.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted above-normal maximum temperatures for large parts of northwest, central, and eastern India between April and June. In its seasonal outlook, the IMD warned that the number of heatwave days this summer might be significantly higher than usual, especially over Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and western Madhya Pradesh.

With 82% of working women in India engaged in informal labour, gender-responsive urban planning is critical.

Mr. Mundol said urban planning needed to be improved universally but it was also true that the circumstances of women impacted them uniquely. "Better facilities for all such as shelters, drinking water and other public facilities are needed and sensitive thought has to be applied to make sure they are equally accessible and welcoming for women," he said.

While the India Cooling Action Plan (2019) acknowledged cooling as a developmental need, the experts said it fell short in ensuring equitable access.

"Cooling disparities must be addressed as a basic right. A 'right to cool' under Article 21 would mandate shaded bus stops, cooling shelters, and thermal comfort for all," Ms. Amruta said.

Mr. Mundol laid stress on the need for city-level heat action plans with enforceable measures – non-negotiable paid time off, water stations and cooling shelters on red-alert days.

The experts proposed several immediate solutions to mitigate the impact of extreme heat on vulnerable populations. These include installing shaded canopies made of heat-reflective materials in high-traffic areas, setting up free water ATMs near labour hubs to ensure hydration, and deploying mobile cooling stations equipped with fans and basic first-aid facilities.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Entities that lie at the edge of physics

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

The _____ _____ is the name for the condition in which spacetime suffers a catastrophic breakdown.
Scientists have said they can be understood only by a theory of quantum gravity, but no such complete theory currently exists. Fill in the blanks

QUESTION 2

The first observational evidence that _____ _____ exist in nature was provided by a monumental discovery in 1967. A matchbox-sized piece of this object is expected to weigh around three billion tonnes. The Milky Way alone is expected to have a billion of them. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 3

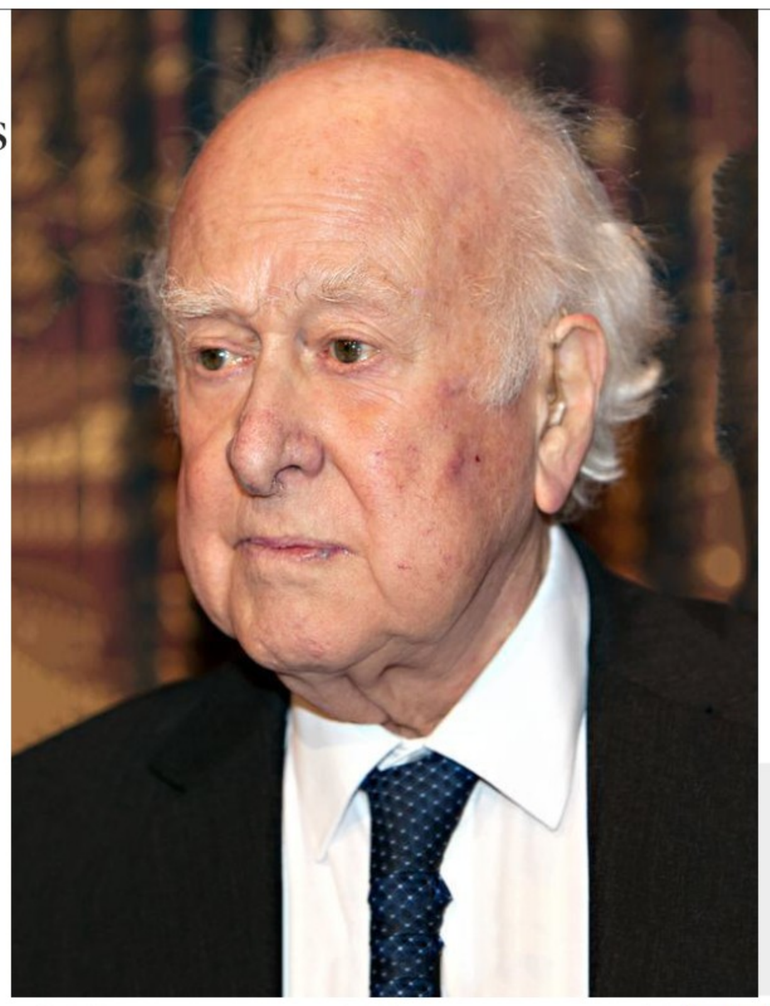
The QGP is a state of matter that cosmologists expect filled our universe in the first hundred microseconds of its life at a temperature of around 1 trillion K. In these conditions, the subatomic particles that make up matter are forced to break up into their smallest constituents. What does QGP stand for?

QUESTION 4

A _____ _____ is the result of a short-lived and random change in the energy of a point in empty space. They cause pairs of subatomic particles to be created and annihilated almost instantaneously — a process Stephen Hawking used to prove black holes can evaporate. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 5

A _____ ____ is so named because it's a hypothetical region of spacetime from which energy can escape but cannot enter. While the concept appears in certain theories of quantum gravity, they haven't actually been found. Fill in the blanks.



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Answers to April 22 quiz:
1. Set of all points with the same gradient – **Ans: Isocline**
2. Points at the same pressure or nuclei with the same mass number – **Ans: Isobar**
3. DNA parts with comparable fraction of guanine to cytosine – **Ans: Isochore**
4. Places receiving water at the same rate (not quantity – **Ans: Isochrone**
5. Set of all processes with same chain of events – **Ans: Isocausal**
Visual: Cosmic microwave background
First contact: K.N. Viswanathan | Sheney Muraly | Tamal Biswas | Anmol Agrawal | Amit Yadav

Visual: Name this man. The mass of a subatomic particle named for him is very close to a figure that, if that had been the actual mass, could have destroyed the universe as we know it. Credit: Bengt Nyman

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Quarry owner opens fire at protesting villagers, held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 38-year-old farmer, Ravikumar, was allegedly shot at by a stone quarry owner when a group of villagers protested against the construction of road for trucks carrying quarry stones in Manchehalli village on Wednesday.

According to the police, during an argument with the protesters, Saklesh allegedly pulled out a licensed trigger and fired a few rounds into the air and one at the protesting farmers. Ravikumar, allegedly sustained injuries to his leg and collapsed. Saklesh allegedly escaped and got himself admitted to the hospital.

The Chickballapur Rural police later arrested Saklesh, and the weapon was seized. He was charged under several sections including attempt to murder, and the Arms Act, Superintendent of Police Kushal Chowksey said.

BIS raids e-commerce warehouse for selling substandard products

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Bengaluru Branch Office, on Tuesday, conducted a search and seizure operation at the largest warehouse in south India operated by Instakart Services Private Limited, trading under the name Flipkart for allegedly storing and selling substandard products.

According to the official release, the firm was allegedly storing and selling products that violated the Quality Control Orders (QCOs) issued by the Government of India and the BIS Act, 2016.

During the operation, it was found that several product models seized from the premises were not licensed, misused the ISI mark and registration mark, and were in violation of the terms and conditions of the BIS license. Some of these products fall under the Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS), while others are subject to mandatory certification by BIS, in accordance with the QCOs, the release said. Approximately 104 varieties, comprising around 17,500 units, including wireless earbuds, Bluetooth earphones, and more, were found in violation and subsequently seized. The estimated market value of the seized items is around ₹2.5 crore, the release stated.

"Consumers are urged to always verify the BIS standard mark (ISI mark) and license number of manufacturers before making any purchases. The authenticity of a license and the relevant Indian Standard can be verified through the BIS CARE mobile app," the release added.

Timings
BENGALURU

THURSDAY, APR. 24		
RISE	06:02	SET 18:33
RISE	03:07	SET 15:16
FRIDAY, APR. 25		
RISE	06:02	SET 18:33
RISE	03:50	SET 16:12
SATURDAY, APR. 26		
RISE	06:01	SET 18:34
RISE	04:33	SET 17:11

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
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Bengaluru Today
34°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be warm. Night will be pleasant. Dry weather to prevai.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
35°C The weather will be dry. Day will be warm. Night will be pleasant.

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REVA varsity hosts Vishwa Samvada 2025

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The two-day event, Vishwa Samvada 2025, hosted by REVA University, in collaboration with Taiwan's Prospect Foundation, commenced on Wednesday, in a bid to foster India-Taiwan cooperation.

"Vishwa Samvada serves as a vital platform to develop deeper connections and collaborative opportunities between India and Taiwan," Chancellor of Reva University P. Shyama Raju said.

I-Chung Lai, president, Prospect Foundation, Taiwan, emphasised mutual potential in geopolitics and geo economics.

Day two will feature discussions on trade, supply chains, and people-centric ties. Speakers include experts from ICRIER, FICCI, and academia.

Department of Information and Public Relations

97th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Nata Sarvabouma Dr Rajkumar

Date: Thursday, 24.04.2025, 3.00 P.M
Sulochana Sabhangana, Vartha Soudha, Bengaluru

: Inauguration :
Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister
: August Presence :
Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
: Presided by :
Sri Rizwan Arshad
Hon'ble MLA, Shivajinagar Constituency
: Chief Guests :
Sri P.C. Mohan — Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bengaluru Central Lok Sabha Constituency
Sri K.V. Prabhakar — Media Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister
Sri Sadhu Kokila — Hon'ble President, Karnataka Film Academy, Bengaluru
Sri Mahaboob Pasha — Hon'ble President, Sri Kanteerava Studios Limited, Bengaluru
Smt Ayesha Khanam — Hon'ble President, Karnataka Madhyam Academy, Bengaluru
Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, I.A.S., — Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Govt of Karnataka
Sri L.K. Ateeq, I.A.S., — Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt of Karnataka
: Joining us in today's programme :
Sri S. Narayan — Film Director
Dr. Shiva Rajkumar — Senior Film Artiste
Sri Raghavendra Rajkumar — Senior Film Artiste
Smt Ashwini Puneet Rajkumar — Film Producer
Cooperation: Dr. Rajkumar Pratishtana, Govt of Karnataka, Bengaluru
Singing of Dr Rajkumar Movie Songs
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- Villa with car park.
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- Magadi – 30km distance

Shri D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister greeting Shri N.A. Haris, Hon'ble MLA, Shanthinagar Assembly Constituency and Chairman, BDA

Sl.No	Description	Built up Area	Unit	Rate
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Death toll from Israeli strike on a shelter in Gaza on Wednesday

23 The Civil Defence, first responders who operate under the Hamas-run government, said it recovered another four bodies from strikes on two homes in the same area. It said there are more people trapped under the rubble. Arab mediators are working on a proposal to end the war that would include a five to seven-year truce and the release of all remaining hostages. PTI

Extent of world's coral reefs hit by the worst ever bleaching event

84 in per cent. Harmful bleaching of the world's coral has grown to include 84% of the ocean's reefs in the most intense event of its kind in recorded history, the International Coral Reef Initiative announced Wednesday. It's the fourth global bleaching event since 1998, and has now surpassed bleaching from 2014-17 that hit some two-thirds of reefs, said the ICRI. AP

Number of years since the IMF appointed a mission chief to Syria

14 The International Monetary Fund has appointed Ron van Rooden to head its mission to Syria, said the nation's Finance Minister Mohammed Yosr Bernieh. Mr. van Rooden is the first mission chief Syria has had since war erupted there 14 years ago. The last IMF mission trip to Syria was in late 2009, over a year before protests against then-leader Bashar al-Assad began. REUTERS

Candidates in the fray for Singapore's General Election

211 The candidates will contest 92 out of 97 parliamentary seats in the upcoming General Election, scheduled for May 3. One Group Representation Constituency was returned uncontested following the close of nominations on Wednesday. A total of 2,758,846 registered voters are set to vote on May 3. More than 18,000 Singaporeans will also vote from overseas. PTI

Number of houses damaged in the Murshidabad riots

109 A Murshidabad district administration survey found the number of houses damaged during the recent riots at Dhulian, Shamsherganj and Suti, according to an official. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had said that houses affected by the violence would be rebuilt under the State's 'Banglar Bari' housing scheme. PTI

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Is India witnessing judicial despotism?

A series of judgments in recent times has had several parties questioning the powers and motives of the Supreme Court; while such criticism of the judiciary is not new, the top court has not yet crossed the Lakshman Rekha

LETTER AND SPIRIT

Faizan Mustafa

The term 'judicial review' has not been used in our constitution but it can easily be inferred from Article 13, which says any law in contravention of the constitution shall be void. In fact, even this provision was inserted out of abundant caution, as even in its absence, such a power could have been exercised by the constitutional courts. High Courts under Article 226 and the Supreme Court under Article 32 look at the violation of rights.

Judicial review being an essential component of rule of law is part of our constitution's basic structure. Though 'judicial activism' and 'judicial review' are considered distinct, basically both are two sides of the same coin. Indeed, the judicial whistle should ideally be blown in extreme situations for a limited purpose, as the judiciary has no business taking over the governance of the country in its hands.

To overcome the crises of legitimacy for its pro-government decisions during the Emergency, the Supreme Court revolutionised the doctrine of *locus standi* and initiated the Public Interest Litigation. However, has the Supreme Court really become a nuclear missile, with its judges having no accountability? Are we in the midst of civil or religious war and Justice Sanjiv Khanna, in his short tenure as Chief Justice of India (CJI), is to be blamed for this? Is judicial review anti-democratic?

Has the court misused its powers under Article 142 (which provides for "complete justice")? It no more asks petitioners what right of theirs has been violated but rather whose right has been violated. In the process, it has helped the prisoners who were blinded by needles being pierced in their eyes; paying compensation for the custodial deaths and upholding rights of workers etc.

Boundaries and limits: Though 'judicial activism' and 'judicial review' are considered distinct, they are two sides of the same coin. AMAN RAJ

The case for complete justice

In the constitutional law debates, there have always been lovers and haters of judicial review. At times, they do change their stand depending upon whether they are in government or Opposition. Thus, Congress leaders when in power were against the judicial review but are its strongest votary today.

However, to term Article 142 as nuclear missile is too strong a statement and is basically criticism of the constitution and should have been avoided by the Vice-President of India, who himself being a senior advocate is familiar with the seminal contribution of the Supreme Court in saving our democracy. This provision was used in the Babri judgment, in issuing guidelines on mob lynching and in granting divorces in failed marriages on the ground of 'irretrievable breakdown'. True, the court should not use this power too often.

The Supreme Court has neither used judicial activism nor its constitutional power under Article 142 as an unguided missile. As a repository of people's trust in it, it has, barring few exceptions, lived up to their expectations and not betrayed their trust. Had the court ordered restoration of the Babri mosque, probably there would have been a situation of religious war but looking at the sentiments of the millions of people, the court preferred peace over justice.

Similarly, a judgment against the abrogation of Article 370 may have created a law and order situation in Kashmir. CJI Sanjiv Khanna's interpretation of the proviso of Article 370 has been severely criticised and the court's refusal to determine the constitutionality of a State being downgraded to a Union Territory was not liked by the constitutional law experts.

The democracy debate

True, Opposition is well within its right to criticise the Vice-President but it must remember its tallest leader, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, too had spoken in almost identical language in the Constituent Assembly on September 10, 1949: "Within limits no judge and no Supreme Court can make itself a third chamber. No Supreme Court and no judiciary can stand in judgment over the sovereign will of Parliament. If we go wrong here and there, it can point it out, but in the ultimate analysis where, the future of the community is concerned, no judiciary can come in the way. And if it comes in the way, ultimately, the whole constitution is a creature of Parliament."

He went on to observe on the possibility of picking up pro-government judges: "If courts proved obstructive, one method of overcoming hurdle is... the executive which is the appointing authority of judges begin to appoint judges of its own liking for getting decisions in its own favor." His daughter, as a strong Prime Minister, gave full effect to this policy by twice indulging in the supersession of judges. It is a different story that even the collegium routinely indulges in supersession in the name of diversity and merit.

The greatest criticism against the judicial review is in the name of democracy, as unelected judges ideally should not have power to quash laws passed by democratically elected governments. Of course, the government would be formed based on the majority in popular House, yet the constitution does not permit it to become majoritarian. Similarly, the Governor or the President cannot exercise their discretionary powers arbitrarily in assenting Bills because they too should respect the will of the democratically elected State Assemblies.

In fact, most scholars reject this democratic objection in cases of judicial review on questions pertaining to federal provisions, legislative procedure or fundamental rights, as democracy can be the best means of resolving political disputes except in issues of fundamental rights and preservation of constitutional supremacy. Unlike the United Kingdom, we do not have the supremacy of the Parliament but the supremacy of the constitution. Our parliamentarians must keep it in mind. The Vice-President too should not assert supremacy of the Parliament.

Judiciary vs the government

Generally, the Supreme Court upholds the decisions of the government and the laws enacted by the Legislature. The quashing of laws or striking down of governmental decisions happens once in a blue moon. The Supreme Court has a duty to speak against the misgovernment; if it fails to do so, it would be failing in its constitutional duty of protecting the constitution and upholding people's rights.

To say that Parliament be shut down as the court itself is making laws too is an unfair criticism. As a matter of fact, lately, the liberals have been saying that our judiciary has become more executive-minded than the executive itself. In most cases during the Modi government, the Supreme Court has gone with the government. It upheld demonetisation; it refused to recognise same sex marriages; it approved the Rafale deal; saved the BJP-Shiv Sena(S) government in Maharashtra; insisted on the National Register of Citizens for Assam; did almost nothing in the Pegasus surveillance matter; declared 'triple talak' as void; freely used sealed covers; did not agree even for a CBI probe in Judge Loya's death; made bail conditions more stringent under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and for over five years, did not grant bail even to student leaders; did not hear petitions against Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) and the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.

The only big setbacks for the government were in cases against the electoral bond scheme, National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC), and President's rule in Arunachal Pradesh. In the recent verdict on Tamil Nadu Government's petition against its Governor, the court has merely interpreted the expression 'as soon as possible' in Article 200. The only problematic part that may qualify as judicial activism is the suggestion to President to seek the court's advisory opinion if a State law looks patently unconstitutional; the court has said "it would be prudent" (Paragraph 434). This too was to save the President from the allegations of bias, arbitrariness and *mala fide*.

Need for fair criticism

Let us be fair to our judges. Fair criticism is welcome but attributing motives to judges or blaming them either for the violation of separation of powers or civil war is not acceptable. Our judges do deserve respect as they have too much of work due to poor judge-population ratio. The current CJI has not given any significant judgment. Aware of religious sensitivities, he merely tried to maintain peace through his observations on the Places of Worship Act. There is no stay as of now even on the The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. Cannot he even ask questions anymore?

All three organs of the government must remain within their allotted spheres. Holders of these organs do take an oath to bear true faith and allegiance to the constitution. A Governor who refuses to sign Bills validly passed by the Assembly for years together basically was in violation of his own oath.

In Supreme Court Bar Association (1998), the Supreme Court had observed that the powers under Article 142 being curative do not authorise the court to supplant substantive law. It cannot build a new edifice where none existed earlier. It cannot make any order which is inconsistent with the constitution or statutory law. The judgment in the Tamil Nadu Government's suit has strengthened, not weakened, democracy and federalism. Justice J.B. Pardiwala has not gone against any provision of the constitution. He has indeed saved the constitution from the despotism of unelected Governors and prevented Governors from becoming "super constitutional figure" (Paragraph 317).

Justice Krishna Iyer in *Maru Ram v. Union of India* (1981) has held that "no legal power can run unruly like John Gilpin on the horse but must keep sensibly to a steady course". He also observed that no constitutional power can be vulgarised by the personal vanity of the men in authority.

The constitutional fiction of political questions beyond judicial remit cannot tie the hands of judges in exceptional situations like the one in Tamil Nadu. Its Governor's action being found *mala fide* warranted such timelines. The timelines suggested by the court do not amount to amendment of the constitution at all. No court in future is going to initiate contempt proceedings against the President or even the Governors for not strictly complying with these timelines. If there is undue delay without any reason, timelines can be used to evaluate arbitrary or non-arbitrary nature of the Governor's action/inaction.

In *Qaiser e Hind* (2001), Justice Dorairajan had observed that "the assent of the President envisaged under Article 254(2) is neither an idle or empty formality not an automatic event" (Paragraph 73). It is an exercise of constitutional power. The Indian President too is under the constitution and not above it. Her actions too are amenable to judicial review. Even the Supreme Court is not supreme despite its nomenclature; it too must work under and within the constitutional limits.

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THE GIST

- Judicial review is an essential part of our constitution's basic structure, but it has had lovers and haters — depending upon whether they are in government or Opposition. While the court should not often use its powers to provide "complete justice", calling Article 142 a nuclear missile turns into criticism of the constitution itself.
- The greatest criticism against the judicial review is in the name of democracy, as unelected judges ideally should not have power to quash laws passed by democratically elected governments. However, quashing of laws or striking down of governmental decisions happens once in a blue moon. In most cases during the Modi government, the SC has gone with the government.
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Transport Dept. clarifies on claims of tracking devices, panic buttons malfunctioning

Devices are designed to track vehicles in real time, offer emergency assistance in case of distress

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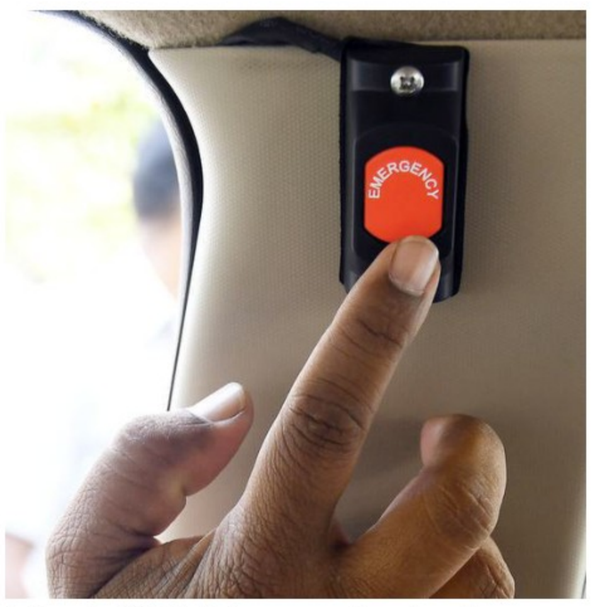

In December 2023, the State government issued an order mandating the installation of VLTDs and emergency buttons in all public transport and nationally permitted goods vehicles to enhance passenger safety. FILE PHOTO

In response to growing concerns over malfunctioning safety systems in public transport and goods vehicles, the Karnataka Transport Department has instructed cab owners that Vehicle Location Tracking Devices (VLTDs) and emergency panic buttons must be fully functional and easily accessible at all times.

This move follows a spate of complaints and viral social media videos in which cab drivers alleged that the VLTDs in their vehicles were not operational and, more critically, not linked to the department's Command and Control Centre located in Shanthinagar.

One such video showed a driver pressing the panic button with no apparent response from authorities, prompting public outcry.

Clarifying the situation, a senior transport department official said that the devices were either improperly installed or not switched on, rendering them ineffective. "In some vehicles, the wiring for the VLTDs and emergency buttons was found to be disconnected, and in others, the power supply to the system was not active," the official said. "This meant that even if the button was pressed during an emergency, no signal would reach the control room."

'Claims probed'

The department officials say that once a panic button is pressed, the exact location of the vehicle is transmitted to the command centre. From there, an alert is sent to the jurisdictional police station for immediate response.

The official added that the department has investigated claims of non-functioning devices and found some of them to be baseless or due to installation lapses.

Mandated in 2023

In December 2023, the State government issued an order mandating the installation of VLTDs and emergency buttons in all public transport and nationally permitted goods vehicles to enhance passenger safety. The devices are designed to track vehicles in real time and offer emergency assistance in case of distress.

Inconsistent compliance

However, compliance has been inconsistent. Many vehicle operators have cited financial difficulties and a lack of awareness about the regulation as reasons for non-compliance.

Some drivers claimed they paid as much as ₹15,000 to install the system, only to find it non-functional due to improper setup.

BMRCL to crack down on consumption of gutka on Namma Metro premises

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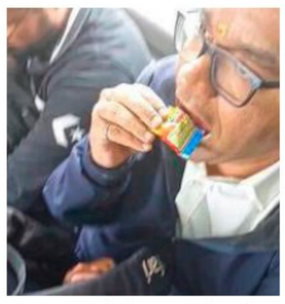
After a video of a person eating gutka inside a Namma Metro train went viral on social media, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has announced strict measures against passengers consuming chewable tobacco products, such as gutka and pan masala, within its premises and on trains.

The decision comes following multiple public complaints regarding spitting and littering caused by such products, said BMRCL officials.


A screengrab from a video of a man eating gutka inside a Namma Metro train. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

To enforce these measures, BMRCL will step up patrolling during non-peak hours, and introduce random physical pat-down checks at metro stations, as such substances cannot be detected through metal detectors. Platform security personnel will be sensitised to identify violators while the central surveillance team has been directed to monitor passenger behaviour closely and alert on-duty security staff in real-time.

'Guilty will be fined'

Passengers found guilty of consuming or carrying chewable tobacco-based products will be fined in accordance with BMRCL rules. "Enhanced surveillance measures will be active both on platforms and inside metro coaches to ensure cleaner and more hygienic surroundings," an official said.

Awareness campaign

In addition to enforcement, BMRCL plans to roll out a wide-reaching awareness campaign aimed at educating commuters about the ill-effects and penalties associated with using tobacco products in metro areas.

Officials have appealed to the public to support the initiative and help maintain a pleasant commuting environment for all.

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		TOTAL		259.98	
2.	**1.Mrs. Nikita Patil, W/o. Mr.Siddharta Patil,** H No.78, Swamy Vivekananda Layout, Sagar Road, Shimoga – 577 201, **also residing at** No.684, 5th Cross, North Block, Upkar Layout, Upkar Residency, Bangalore – 560 056, **2.Mr. Deepak C/o.Shankar Rao,** S-257, 13th Main, 4th Cross, BEL Layout, Bharath Nagar, Bangalore-560 091 **also residing at** No.36, 4th Cross, Income Tax Layout, BEL Layout, 2nd Stage, Bharat Nagar, Bengaluru-560 091.	Residential Flat bearing no.701, comprising of 3 BHK, in 7th floor of 'PRISTINE VARA' being built in property bearing Muncipal no. 123, situated at Infantry road, Muncipal ward no. 78 of Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru and in all approximately measuring 10397 Sq.Ft. out of 12059 Sq.Ft. and bounded by: East: Road, West: Private property, North: Infantry road and South: Private property out of which 450 sq.ft. of undivided share, right , title, interest and ownership having super built up area of 2500 Sq.Ft. and carpet area measuring 1665 sq.ft. and right to use common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common usage and one covered car parking space in basement bounded on: **East:** By Private property, **West:** By Private Property, **North:** Road, **South:** By Flat no. 702. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.980972 Longitude- 77.601889**	**Rs. 7,23,40,841.44** as on **21.04.2025** with further interest and cost there on	a) ₹ 294.75 b) ₹ 29.48 c) ₹ 1.00	**07.05.2025 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM.** with Prior Appointment with The Authorized Officer
3.	**1. M/s Sierra Constructions (P) Ltd,** Rep by its managing Director No 187,1st Cross, 1st Main, Lower Palace Orchards Bengaluru – 560003. **2. M/s Tecsol Sierra Engineering & Constructions LLP,** Rep by its Managing Partner, **3. Smt K B Chikkathayamma W/o Late B S Channappa, 4. Sri S C Dhanashankar S/o Late B S Channappa 5. Mrs Kumari Bharathi W/o A C Dhanashakar Above 2,3,4 & 5 Address are at :** No 187,1st Cross, Ist Main, Lower Palace Orchards, Bengaluru – 560003. **6. Sri D Ranganna S/o D Narayanamurthy,** No. 63, 2nd Cross Gavipuram Extension Bengaluru – 560019, **7. Sri Raheja P R S/o Late J L Raheja,** No. 142, Embassy Heritage 8th Main Malleshwaram Bengaluru – 560055. **8. Sri . Sheshachalam A S/o Late A Venkata Rao,** No. 116,2nd Cross HAL III stage Bengaluru. **9. Smt N Shalini W/o Late AC Sudhakar** House No 1564, 29th Cross Banashankari II Stage Bengaluru – 560070. **10. Sri Raghupathi R S/o Late G Ramakrishnan,** No. 106/21"Sai Anugraha" 11th 'B' Cross, 11th Main Road, Malleshwaram Bengaluru 560003. **11. Ms. AS Kanikka D/o Late AC Sudhakar,** House No 1564, 29th Cross Banashankari II Stage Bengaluru – 560070. **12. Sri A S Shreyas S/o Late AC Sudhakar** House No 1564, 29th Cross Banashankari II Stage Bengaluru – 560070. **13 Smt A C Geetha D/o Late B S Channappa W/o M Nagaraju,** No 487, A & B Block peacock Street Mysuru – 570023. **14. Smt S C Sujatha S/o Late B S Channappa W/o AS Nagesh,** No 74, Gurukrua 13th Main Hanumanthanagar Bengaluru – 560050. **15. Smt SC Suneetha D/o Late B S Channappa W/o Dr. C Puttamadappa,** No 19-G1, Sieravillage Near B R Ambedkar Dental College Clive Road Cook Town Bengaluru – 560005. **16. Smt AC Lakshmi D/o Late BS Channappa W/o Dr Jayaprakash** No 1192,18th Main 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560010.	All piece and parcel of the immovable residential flat bearing No G 106/B in B Block in the apartment named 'SIERRA SYLLABLE' situated at Sy No 213/2 CMC No. 149/A, 161, 162/A and 162/B Kodigehalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk in the name of Sierra Constructions having a super built up area of 1222 Sq ft and undivided share of 456 Sq ft with one car parking. **Owner of the property: M Anand Coordinates of the property Latitude- 13.0644564N Longitude- 77.5745634E**	**Rs. 30,47,59,486.77** as on **22.04.2025** plus further interest and cost thereon	a) ₹ 44.59 b) ₹ 4.46 c) ₹ 1.00	**07.05.2025 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM.** with Prior Appointment with The Authorized Officer
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Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.08025310066, 9627872626,7483935007,9538406090. during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 23.04.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client **Mr. MANIKANDAN MUDHALIYAR** S/o Mr. Krishna Murthys **and Mrs. VANATHI UDAYAKUMAR** W/o **MANIKANDAN MUDHALIYAR** intending to purchase all that piece and parcel Residential Apartment its **3-bedroom apartment** building No: **K2-8034, Type K2,** Known as **"SOBHA CHRYSANTHEMUM",** Thanisandra Village, K.R Hobli, Bangalore EAST Taluk within the jurisdiction of Byatarayanapura Town, Bengaluru - 560077, having a super built up area of **1499.96 sq.ft and 290.88 sq.ft** total area of **1790.84 sq.ft** of proportionate share in common areas with Two car parking space in the limited common area of basement hereinafter referred to as the 'Schedule Property' developed by the builders **"Sobha Developers Ltd ".** Any person/s having any objection over the right/title/interest or claim in respect of the above mentioned property may approach the undersigned along with the documentary proof/evidence within 15 days from the date of this publication, else, my client shall proceed further to complete the sale transaction, if any objections received post the stipulated time mentioned in this notice will be considered as waived and/ abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT part and parcel of the Residential Apartment **3-bedroom apartment** building No: **K2-8034, Type K2,** Known as **"SOBHA CHRYSANTHEMUM",** Thanisandra Village, K.R Hobli, Bangalore EAST Taluk within the jurisdiction of Byatarayanapura Town, Bengaluru – 560077, having a super built up area of **1499.96 sq.ft and 290.88 sq.ft** total area of **1790.84 sq.ft** of proportionate share in common areas with Two car parking space in the limited common area of basement hereinafter referred to as the 'Schedule Property' developed by the builders **"SOBHA DEVELOPERS LTD ".**

CHITHRALEKHA H.R., ADVOCATE
No: 17/3, Ali Asker Road Cross,
Bengaluru-560001 Mob: 9886038738

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client is intending to Purchase the property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder from its present owners being **Sri.Vishwanath B.S and Sri. T. A. Channagangaiah** who have represented that they have a clear and marketable title to the same. Any person/s financial institutions, statutory authorities or any other persons/s representing any private or public companies or any partnership firm or any society who claim any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and/or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned within Seven (7) days from the date of issue of this notice with documentary evidence failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owners thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land measuring 12 Guntas in Sy.No.1/3 (earlier forming portion of land in Sy.No.1) of Vaddarapalya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

East by : Road and land in Sy. Nos. 1/1 and 1/4.
West by : Property bearing Sy.No.16/2 belonging to Savithramma (earlier belonged to Govindaiah)
North by : Property bearing No.16/1 belonging to Siddappa and land In Sy.Nos.123/4 and 123/3 (Mallarbanawadi Village Boundary)
South by: Property bearing Sy.No.1/2 belonging to Sri.S.R.Shariff (Areca nut Plantation) and earlier land belonged to Lakshmamma.

B. R. Ravi Kumar
Advocates
No.537, 10th 'B' Cross, Yelahanka New Town, **Bangalore - 560 064**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client intends to purchase immovable property bearing No. 15/5, bearing BBMP E Aasthi Property No. 15/5 (P.I.D No. 75-44-15/5) measuring East to West 47 Feet and North to South 61 Feet, totally measuring **2867 Square Feet** along with building consisting of Basement Floor, Ground Floor, First Floor and Second floor totally measuring 532.64 Square Meters of built up area situated at **Cambridge Road, Halasoor, Bangalore** and bounded on;

East by : **Cambridge Road;**
West by : **School Building and Portion of Premises No.15;**
North by : **Presently Road earlier 20' Passage belonging to Dr. T P Natesan;**
South by : **Property of Anandarama Chadiga.**

From its Owner **Mr. Afrose S Pasha son of Late Mr. B H Sahab.**

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections / claims with documentary evidence within **7 days** from the date of this publication to the undersigned.

Geetha Halliyal,
TAVISA LEGAL Advocates
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100 feet Road, Indiranagar,
Bangalore-560038, Ph : 9980519476
email : geethahalliyal@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby brought to kind notice of all the general public that my clients namely 1)Sri.Anand.A S/o Late. Annappa, aged abut 41 years, R/at: Bagaluru colony, Bagaluru post, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Karnataka-562149 & 2)Sri.Shivakumar S/o Munikrishnappa, aged about 35 years, R/at: Madanahatti Village, Kolar District, Karnataka-563160 are intending to purchase the schedule property from it's vendors namely 1)Smt.Manjula W/o K.P.Krishnappa, D/o Late.Poojappa, aged about 46 years, R/at: H.No.89, Ambedkar Nagara, Opp: Jyothi School, Kacharakanahalli village, Bengaluru North Taluk, Karnataka-560084, 2)Sri.K.Ismail Raj @ Rajesh S/o K.P.Krishnappa & Manjula, aged about 31 years, R/at: H.No.1259, Hennuru Main Road, Opp: Jyothi School, K.K.Halli, Bengaluru North, Karnataka-560084, 3)Kum.Anjel Uhisa.K @ Ramya D/o K.P.Krishnappa & Manjula, aged about 27 years, R/at: H.No.1259, Hennuru Main Road, Opp: Jyothi School, K.K.Halli, Bengaluru North, Karnataka-560084 & 4)Sri.Rajkumar.K @ Rajkumar S/o K.P.Krishnappa & Manjula, aged about 25 years, R/at: H.No.1259, Hennuru Main Road, Opp: Jyothi School, K.K.Halli, Bengaluru North, Karnataka-560084. Hence hereby calling upon the general public or anybody whatever or if they have any manner of right, title and possession, litigations, civil suits, boundary disputes, developers' or objections over the schedule property for purchase by my clients from the above owners may kindly contact with all suitable legal documents to the below mentioned attorney office within 7 days from the date of it's publish. If not, it deems that the said property is free from all encumbrances and non-else except my client intending vendors have no manner of any right, title, possession and objections to sale the schedule property and my client shall proceed further in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Sy.No.138/1 measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 0-20 Guntas situated at Byrathi village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on:- East by: Property of Susheelamma in Sy.No.138/2; West by: Hennuru-Bagaluru Main Road; North by: Property of Muniyamma in Sy.No.131; South by: Property of Appajirao in Sy.No.118;

Contact Address:-
Sri. K. Chandrasekhar, Advocate
Office at:- #95/3, Anjinappa building, Beside Ambedkar Bhavana, Prashanthanagara, Devanahalli Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. Ph: 9740615918

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION

The undersigned, on behalf of President of India, invites registered eligible Bidders to participate in E-Auction for the Contract for installation, maintenance, operations and management of 'Mobile Phones and Accessories Kiosk' facility at Mysuru Railway station on 02.05.2025 at 15:00 hours.

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Mysuru

PUB/60/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2025-26

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. HE-TRD-2025-26-OT-04 dated: 17/04/2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender (IREPS) for the following work.

SN	Name of work	Approx.Value
1	SUPPLY AND PROVISION OF RETRO REFLECTIVE NUMBER PLATES AND VARIOUS TYPES OF CAUTION BOARDS OF HUBLI DIVISION.	Rs. 21275558.00/-

Last date for Submission of bids :

Upto 11.00 hrs on 09.05.2025

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction & Distribution/Hubballi

PUB/59/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2025-26

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

CAUTIONARY PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that, Sri.A.M.Suleman Sab, A.M.Abdul Rahman, Shaik Hussain, Ghour Jan, A.M.Yarab, A.M.Salam, A.M.Ameer Jan, Smt.Gulab Jan are sons and daughter of Late.Masthan Sab, residents of Door No.214, A.K.Colony Road, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. The above mentioned persons being the absolute owners below mentioned Schedule Property had entered into registered Agreement of Sale dated 29.04.2005 registered as document No.ANK-1-03738-2005-06 in the office Sub-registrar Anekal and Supplementary Agreement dated 10.05.2005 with my client **Sri. A.V. Reddy,** having office at #820 Golden House, 80 feet road, 8th block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560095 by receiving the entire Sale Consideration.

Thereafter, one Sri.Sabusab S/o Late Masthan Sab resident of Attibele Village Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District filed suit for declaration with respect of the Schedule Property against the above said land owners before the 2nd Addl Senior Civil Judge in OS No.821/2008 and the said suit came to be dismissed on 23.04.2024. Due to the pendency of the above said suit, my client could not get the Sale Deed in his favor with respect to the Schedule Property.

Since my client **Sri. A.V. Reddy** has already paid the entire sale consideration to the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and the Agreement of Sale still being in force, my client has absolute right over the Schedule Property. Therefore, the general public are hereby informed to not to deal with the land owners and their legal heirs, their agents or with anyone with respect to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1 : All the piece and parcel of Sy No.88 measuring 3 Acres 10 Guntas situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District. East by: Private Property, West by: Land bearing Sy No.87, North by: Land bearing Sy No.89, South by: Remaining portion of land bearing Sy No.88

Item No.2 : All the piece and parcel of Sy No.89 measuring 8 Guntas situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District. East by: Private Property, West by: Land bearing Sy No.87, North by: Remaining portion of land bearing Sy No.89, South by: Remaining portion of land bearing Sy No.88

A.M. SRINIVASA REDDY, Advocate
"Maathru Chaya", 8/3, 16th Cross, 13th Main, Virat Nagar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Ph : 9448311842
E-MAIL : law.blr@gmail.com

CENTRAL RAILWAY

SOLAPUR DIVISION
TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on Behalf of President of India, invites e-tender from the reputed firms/contractor for the following works. **Tender Notice No.:** 07-2025-SrDENS **Name of Work:** A-1.Provision of Butterfly Shed for pointsman, train crew and Weatherproof shed for station master infront of station building over Solapur division. 2.Provision of concrete dustbin at 52 Nos of station over Solapur division. **Approximate Cost of the work:** Rs. 2,27,36,590.65 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,63,700.00 **Completion period of the work:** 09 Months **Maintenance Period:** 12 Months **Last date & Time of uploading quoted tender on www.ireps.gov.in website:** 09/05/2025 upto 15.00 hrs **Date & Time of Opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in:** 09/05/2025 upto 15.30 hrs **The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender. Website: www.ireps.gov.in.** ANJ-44

अनाधिकृत रूप से रेल लाइन को पार करना दंडनीय अपराध है

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client is intending to Purchase the properties more fully described in the Schedule hereunder from its present owners being **Sri.Kambegowda, Sri.Shivashankar and Sri.Manjunath H.S and their respective family members**, along with **Sri. Narasimhamurthy G, and Sri. Vishwanath B. S, (Agreement Holders)** who have represented that they have a clear and marketable title to the same. Any person/s financial institutions, statutory authorities or any other persons/s representing any private or public companies or any partnership firm or any society who claim any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and/or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned within Seven (7) days from the date of issue of this notice with documentary evidence failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owners and Agreement Holders thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land measuring 2 Acres 19 Guntas excluding 7 Guntas of karab land in Sy.No.16/1 of Mallarabanavadi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the:

East by : Property bearing Sy.No.123/4
West by : Property bearing Sy.No.16/2
North by : Property bearing Sy.Nos.15/1 and 15/2
South by: Vaddarapalya Village Boundary and Property bearing Sy.No.1/3

Item No.2

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land measuring 30 Guntas excluding 3 Guntas of karab land in Sy.No.123/4 of Mallarbanavadi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the:

East by : Property bearing Sy.No.123/3.
West by : Property bearing Sy.No.16/1
North by : Property bearing Sy.Nos.15/1 and 15/2
South by: Vaddarapalya Village Boundary and Property bearing Sy.No.1/3.

B. R. Ravi Kumar
Advocates
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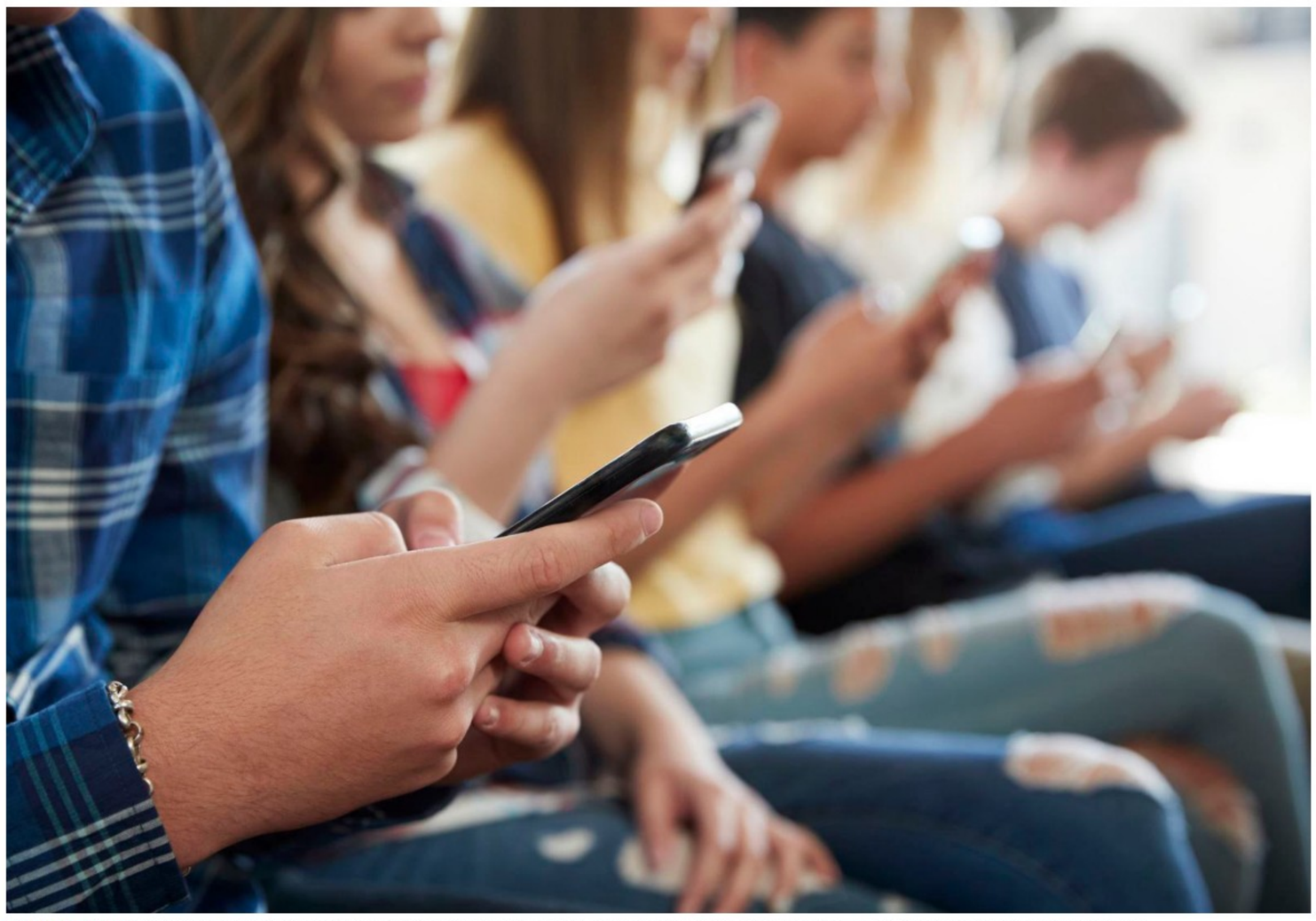
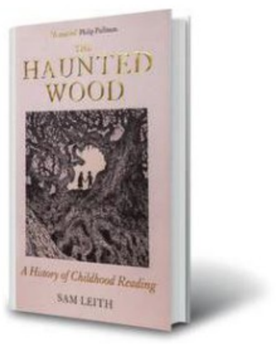
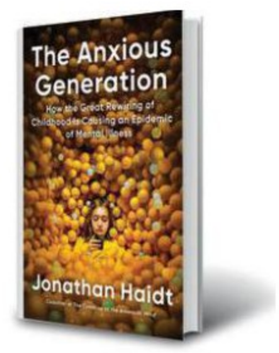


Call for caution: Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt links the mental health crisis among teenagers to the increased use of smartphones. GETTY IMAGES





All stress and no play making children anxious, with fragile mental health

Psychologists and writers are linking the mental health crisis among teenagers to the rising use of digital technologies, a 'Pandora's box' rewiring their brains. The way out, they say, is limiting social media use drastically for children, more unsupervised play, childhood independence and reading

Uma Mahadevan Dasgupta

It has been clear for some years now that a section of teenagers across the world are going through a period of considerable anxiety. This phenomenon had been developing even before the COVID-19 years; however, the pandemic made the mental health crisis more acute. Added to this is the increased stress among teenagers about their livelihoods and their lives against the looming threat of climate change.

Children today have far less time for free play and wholesome interaction. Recess or break-time at school is often used to prepare for some test or the other. Added to this is the intense pressure around high-stakes entrance examinations that are more a filtration mechanism than a real test of aptitude.

Not only teenagers but even pre-teens find their school day lengthening inexorably into tuitions and special classes for selective tests, leaving little or no time for that basketball game or for just fooling around with friends. And certainly, interactions with friends on social media cannot replace in-person time.

Conflict around technology

Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt links the mental health crisis among teenagers to the disappearance of free play in childhood and the increased use of smartphones, leading to sleep deprivation and addiction. According to him, digital technologies are a Pandora's box rewiring children's brains. Parents find it difficult to put limits on their children's use of technology.

Mr. Haidt writes about the "constant conflict" story: "Parents try to lay down rules and enforce limits, but there are just so many devices, so many arguments about why a rule needs to be relaxed, and so many ways around the rules, that family life has come to be dominated by disagreements around technology."

Mr. Haidt recommends four reforms: no smartphones before high school; no social media before the age of sixteen; phone-free schools; and far more unsupervised play and childhood independence.

As a parent of teenagers, I find this rather drastic. Certainly, more play and wholesome interactions in childhood. But on the proposed embargo on phones and social media, I would say two things: one, hasn't that ship sailed already?

And two, surely it's not as bad as all that, because it is indeed possible to talk to teenagers, and not only about the hazards of overusing their devices, but to be present in their lives. Which means treating them as thinking individuals, sharing family time with them, modelling the responsible use of technology – and trusting teenagers to make good decisions.

Cheerful counter

At the happier end of the spectrum of recent books about childhood is Sam Leith's *The Haunted Wood: A History of Childhood Reading*. This journey through children's literature serves as both cheerful counter and antidote to the crisis of childhood anxiety. Reading opens windows and doors to other worlds; it grows a child's imagination; it teaches empathy.

Childhood reading is also the first step in a lifelong journey of reading. Mr. Leith writes that it is "the platform on which everything else is built. It's through what we read as children that we imbibe our first understanding of what it is to inhabit a fictional world, how words and sentences carry a style and tone of voice. What we read in childhood stays with us."

Which is why, perhaps, the answer to the problem of the smartphone is to get children to pick up a book. The earlier the better. Picture books which contain diverse stories of interest to children are the key to building a lifelong love of reading. For infants and toddlers, one should start with wordless picture books. For teenagers, anything they like, including comics and graphic novels.

How to increase emotional IQ

Albert Einstein is reported to have said: "If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be very intelligent, read them more fairy tales." Fairy tales contain all the material that helps to grow emotional intelligence: innocence, love, honesty, and kindness, but also cruelty, sorrow, and sacrifice. The boy who sells his mother's cow for a handful of magic beans. The miller who tricks a king into believing his daughter can spin straw into gold. The little mermaid who willingly gives up her underwater life to gain a human soul.

No wonder that Mr. Leith remarks on the presence of grief in children's literature: "A surprising constant in a literature associated with ideas of freedom and innocence is grief. Many of the most enduring and most moving of these stories have a pulse of sadness in them or behind them. To be a child is to know that you have to grow up."

Makes books affordable

Children's Books: An Indian Story, a collection of thoughtful essays edited by Sandhya Rao and Shailaja Menon, is a timely survey of the landscape of children's literature, which is coming of age in India. I still remember some classics by the National Book Trust (NBT) from my childhood with beautiful illustrations by artists such as Badri Narayan and Pulak Biswas.

NBT's children's books were affordable, which is not always the case with some more recent publications. Many of these – though lavishly put together – remain beyond the reach of working families. If they are to reach the vast majority of children in our country, books need to be affordable and accessible. They should be placed within easy reach of children, in rural and urban public libraries across the country.

Children's books need to be written keeping in mind the child's context. They also need good translations

One beautiful example, which Usha Mukunda mentions in her closing essay about libraries and children's reading, is Mahasweta Devi's *The Why Why Girl*. Translated into several Indian languages, including Kannada (by Girish Karnad), Malayalam (by Paul Zachariah), and Tamil (by Ambai), and exquisitely illustrated by Kanyika Kini, this picture book is unfailingly popular with girls and boys across the country.

Uma Mahadevan Dasgupta is in the Indian Administrative Service.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

As Bharat Ratna Sachin Tendulkar celebrates his 52nd birthday today, here's a quiz on his IPL performance

Soorya Prakash N.

QUESTION 1
Against whom did Sachin score his only century in IPL?

QUESTION 2
How many wickets has Sachin taken in his IPL career?

QUESTION 3
Sachin held on to four catches in a match against Kolkata Knight Riders on May 16, 2008. What was special about this feat?

QUESTION 4
Against which franchise has Sachin scored the most runs?

QUESTION 5
In the 2010 edition, what precedent did he set for batsman's double?

QUESTION 6
Name the two grounds outside India where Sachin has scored 50 runs?

QUESTION 7
With whom has he had the most century partnerships in IPL history?

QUESTION 8
How many Player of the Match awards did Sachin win in his IPL career of 78 matches?

QUESTION 9
Among the 13 different partners Sachin had in the 74 innings that he opened, who has opened with him in most matches?

Visual question:
Identify and connect the players with their common achievement against Sachin in IPL? FILE PHOTOS

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:

1. Poet who hailed Shakespeare with the epithet "not of an age, but for all time". **Ans: Ben Jonson**
2. Name of Shakespeare's child speculated to be related to one of his famous tragedies. **Ans: Hamnet,** *Hamlet*
3. One of the first recorded works of Shakespeare depicting the rise and short reign of a king. **Ans:** *Richard III*
4. Shakespeare's "problem play" set in the backdrop of the Trojan War. **Ans:** *Troilus and Cressida*
5. What are *Venus and Adonis* and *The Rape of Lucrece*? **Ans: Narrative poems**
6. Term for excessive admiration of Shakespeare. **Ans: Bardolatry**

Visual question: Oil painting depicting Shakespeare and named after a Duke. **Ans: Chandos portrait**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"... and the Principal said that anyone who is interested should ask their teachers to..."

"..... 'anyone' is singular. You cannot use it with 'their'."

"So, what do I say?"

"Anyone who is interested should ask his/her teacher how to do it."

"Anyone who loves doing his homework should get his head examined."

"That's a good example."

"Thanks. So, how was the party last night?'

"It was fun. I told them some of your jokes."

"Did they enjoy them?"

"Your jokes went down like a lead balloon."

"Like a lead balloon? Does it mean they didn't like my jokes?"

"That's right. They in fact, hated the jokes. The expression, 'go down like a lead balloon' means 'to fail, especially to be funny'."

"I see. Can I say, Kumar's latest movie was supposed to be a comedy, but it went down like a lead balloon?"

"Yes, you can. His jokes, like yours, always go down like a lead balloon."

"That's true, but in his latest film, he...."

"... wait a minute! Didn't this Kumar die about two years ago?"

"Yes, that's right. I think he died of a heart attack. As I was saying, in his latest film.."

"... you mean they have released a film of his now?"

"No, no! They released it a week before he died. The fans..."

"... in that case, it's not his 'latest' film, but his 'last' film."

"Why can't I say 'latest'?"

"'Latest' implies, 'newest'. And Kumar died two years ago and there were no new movies of his released after he died. It was his final movie. Therefore you have to say his 'last' movie, not his 'latest' movie."

"I see. So 'The Moor's Last Sigh' is Salman Rushdie's latest book?"

"That's right. Just remember this, 'latest' means newest, but not the final. And with people who are dead, you generally don't use 'latest', but 'last'."

"Okay. But what about with people who are living? Do you use 'latest' or 'last'?"

"You could use both. Someone's latest book could be his last book."

"That's true. By the way, where have you hanged your picture?"

"Why should I hang my poor picture? What did it do?"

"I don't understand."

"People are 'hanged', not pictures. Pictures and clothes are 'hung'."

"So, do I say, 'I hung my clothes in the cupboard'?"

"Yes. But remember, whenever you use the word 'hanged' it is usually associated with people."

"Many people were hanged during our struggle for independence."

"And if I continue to tell your jokes, I will be hanged too!"

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Word of the day

Alacrity:
liveliness and eagerness

Synonyms: briskness, smartness

Usage: *She welcomed the new responsibilities with alacrity.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/alacritypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /əˈlækɹɪti/

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah approves Mangaluru water metro project

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A water metro ferry leaves from the High Court terminal in Kochi. The Mangaluru water metro project has been proposed on the lines of the one in Kerala. FILE PHOTO

Officials say, if implemented, it is slated to be the second-largest water transport system in India, after Kochi

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday approved the proposed Mangaluru water metro project that will connect Bajal to Maravoor on both banks of the Netravathi and Gurupura rivers.

With multiple connectivity facilities like national highways, ports and airport in Mangaluru, the Karnataka Maritime Board (KMB) proposed a water metro project on the lines of Kochi in Kerala, officials said.

The KMB will prepare a detailed project report for the project, and if implemented, it is slated to become the second-largest water transport system in India after Kochi, officials said.

At a meeting convened to discuss inland transport projects, the Chief Minister also approved the proposal to establish a Karnataka Water Transport Training Centre in Mangaluru under the Sagarmala project. Discussions on the development of the State's ports, progress of water transport projects, and basic facilities required for cargo transportation were held at the meeting, according to a press release from the Chief Minister's office.

The Chief Minister directed the officials to review the land allocation lease period for rehabilitation and port-related operations and submit a proposal. He also instructed the officials to evict the encroachers at the earliest.

He directed the Uttara Kannada Deputy Commissioner to conduct a drone survey regarding the comprehensive development of the islands identified in the district and submit a report within three months.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister, along with Minister for Fisheries and Ports Mankal Vaidya, also released the Karnataka Inland Transport Policy, 2024.

Assuring all support for the development of ports in the State, the Chief Minister instructed the officials to study and submit a report on how the ports in Andhra Pradesh, Visakhapatnam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat are functioning.

Choultry at Muthathi built by Dr. Rajkumar lies in neglect owing to GP's indifference

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The choultry built by the late Dr. Rajkumar at Muthathi in Mandya district. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

A view of the inside of the choultry. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

The choultry standing near the banks of Cauvery River, built by the legendary Kannada actor Dr. Rajkumar, is yearning for attention as it suffers from despair due to poor maintenance by the gram panchayat. The structure, which is about three decades old, was constructed as a tribute to Muthuraya (Anjaneya) shrine in Muthathi villagein Mandya district.

While Dr. Rajkumar is a screen name of the actor, his parents named him Muthuraju. The popular story is that the actor was born in 1929 after parents visited Muthuraya temple and placed a solemn vow for male child. So the parents reportedly named him Muthuraju. Dr. Rajkumar died in 2006 and April 24 will be his 96th birth anniversary.

After Dr. Rajkumar rose to fame, he donated money to build a hall for pilgrims as there was no dedicated space for organising events and to take rest. The Byadarahalli gram panchayat, which is the custodian of the space, gives contract to run the choultry every year. This year contract was awarded at ₹3,61,000.

Faded walls, cracked ceilings

The building shows severe signs of neglect–faded walls, cracked ceilings, and broken windows. After Puneeth Rajkumar died in 2021, some cosmetic repairs were made, including a new coat of paint and gate restoration. However, the overall condition remains poor.

S. Nagaraj, a resident of Muthathi, said, "On Saturdays and Sundays round the year, the Choultry is booked for events. People from Bengaluru, Mandya, Mysuru, and other places come here. The hall is booked for naming ceremonies, religious events, and other family events. The hall has the potential to attract people if maintained properly. The profits from the choultry are considerably less and are precisely due to the maintenance issue. Rajkumar's family has built the hall, but the panchayat has failed in its job."

The choultry has a kitchen, a washroom, and a hall. The waste generated is dumped on the premises with no dedicated dumping place.

M. T. Manju, the contractor maintaining the choultry, talking to *The Hindu* said booking prices range from ₹5,000 to ₹12,000 based on hours. Manju bagged the contract in April.

"The gram panchayat fixed the broken gate after I delayed payment, demanding repair. Some years back, actor Shivarajkumar promised to rebuild the hall but it did not happen. The gram panchayat bothers not to renovate the structure."

Mr. Manju further said that the space in the compound outside the building should be concretised and covered with a roof, so that devotees will not dump waste.

The panchayat should also make a dedicated dumping space, he added.

FKCCI calls for reassessment of minimum wages to prevent closure of MSMEs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The cost of doing business in Karnataka is now significantly higher than in neighbouring States such as Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh and such cost escalations coupled with an improper minimum wage structure have been putting a lot of pressure on small entrepreneurs in the State, said M.G. Balakrishna, president of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), on Wednesday.

"The cost of doing business in Karnataka is now significantly higher than in neighbouring States like Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh," Mr. Balakrishna said.

The FKCCI, after wide consultations with member industry associations, has voiced grave concern over the recent hike in minimum wages across Karnataka, highlighting its devastating impact on the State's industrial landscape, particularly on the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector.

Speaking at a special meeting organised by the trade body for its member associations here, Mr. Balakrishna demanded an urgent reassessment of minimum wages to prevent the closure of the MSME units in the State.

"The indiscriminate wage hike, without assessing the paying capacity of small-scale industries, is leading to a situation where many of them are considering shutting down," Mr. Balakrishna cautioned.

At the meeting on Wednesday, representatives of the Peenya Industrial Estate, Asia's largest small-scale industrial cluster, revealed that the increase in variable dearness allowance and resultant wage hike has rendered the operations of many small units financially unviable, and consequently, some 20% of units were at risk of closure if the government did not take immediate corrective steps.

The high minimum wages, while well-intentioned, were eroding Karnataka's competitive advantage in attracting investments, especially in labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, light engineering, electronics, and packaging, Mr. Balakrishna added.

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In the presence of

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AR Unnikrishnan
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Sivarajah Ramanathan
(Mission Director & Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission)

Event Schedule

Session 1: 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM
Building a Diverse Startup Ecosystem: Inclusion & Gender Equality
Dr Subalalitha C N (Professor Department of Computing Technologies, SRM Institute of Science and Technology)
Prateek Madhav (Co-founder & CEO, AssisTech Foundation)
Dr Jyotirmayee Dash (Managing Director, TeraLumen Solutions Pvt Ltd)
Moderated by Ramya Kannan (Chief of Bureau (Tamil Nadu), The Hindu)

Session 2: 11:20 AM - 11:50 AM
Fireside Chat: Harnessing Innovation: Tamil Nadu's Role in the Global Startup Ecosystem
Sivarajah Ramanathan (Mission Director & Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission)
In conversation with Kunal Shankar (Deputy Business Editor, The Hindu)

Session 3: 11:55 AM - 12:55 PM
Startup Success Begins in the Classroom: The Power of Education in Innovation
Dr Revathi Venkatraman (Professor & Chairperson, School of Computing, SRM Institute of Science and Technology)
Shaivee Malik (Co-founder & COO, Yotuh Energy)
Sudharsan Varatharajan (Co-Founder & CEO, Bversity)
Krishnan Balasubramanian (Institute Professor, IIT Madras)
Moderated by Chandran Krishnan (Managing Director & CEO, Campus Angels Network)

Session 4: 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Fireside Chat: Nurturing Startups from Campus to the Global Scale: Building Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in Universities
Dr Ananth Kumar (Associate Director, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, SRM Institute of Science and Technology)
In conversation with R Sujatha (Deputy Editor, The Hindu)

Session 5: 2:35 PM - 3:35 PM
Nurturing Entrepreneurship in South Tamil Nadu: Opportunities & Challenges
Chandu Nair (Startup Advisor & Member Executive Board, The Chennai Angels)
Akhila Rajeshwar (Executive Director, TiE Chennai)
Vanitha Venugopal (CEO, Tamil Nadu Technology Hub (iTNT))
Sivakumar Palanisamy (Vice President, StartupTN)
Moderated by Sangeetha Kandavel (Senior Assistant Editor, The Hindu)

Session 6: 3:40 PM - 4:40 PM
Digital Transformation: Startup as a Catalyst for Change
Ashwin Desikan (Co-Founder & CTO, Atsuya Technologies)
Dr Tamizh Inian (Founder & CEO, Frigate Engineering Services Pvt Ltd.)
Phunith Kumar V (CPO & Co-Founder, Raptee HV)
Moderated by Kunal Shankar (Deputy Business Editor, The Hindu)

Session 7: 4:45 PM - 5:15 PM
Fireside Chat: Democratizing Retail: How AI is Empowering Businesses of All Sizes
Sadique Ahmed (CEO, Pathfinder)
In conversation with John Xavier (Editor - Technology, The Hindu)

Session 8: 5:20 PM - 5:50 PM
Fireside Chat: Cybersecurity in the Startup World: Why Stakeholders Can't Afford to Ignore It
C R Srinivasan (CEO, Sify Digital Services)
In conversation with Suresh Vijayaraghavan (Chief Technology Officer, The Hindu Group)

Session 9: 5:55 PM - 6:50 PM
HealthTech Innovations: Revolutionising Healthcare in Tamil Nadu
Dr Boopesh Pugazhendi (Consultant Neurosurgeon, Naruvi Hospitals, Vellore)
Dr Adith Chinnaswami (Co-Founder, MediSim VR)
Dr Lallu Joseph (Quality Manager & Associate General Superintendent, Christian Medical College, Vellore)
Sharmila Devadoss (Founder & Managing Director, MedIoTek Health Systems)
Moderated by Dr Krishnan Ganapathy (Neurosurgeon)

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We are alive only by God's grace, says Bengaluru tourist

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The tourist, who is stranded in Kashmir with his family, had planned to visit Pahalgam on Wednesday, but altered the travel plans at the last minute

"We were in Gulmarg on Tuesday, and had planned to head to Pahalgam on Wednesday," said Prasad D. from Bengaluru, currently stranded in Kashmir with his family. "The same place where the terror attack occurred. We feel blessed to be safe – only by the grace of God," he added, speaking to *The Hindu* on the phone from Kashmir.

Narrow escape

Mr. Prasad had travelled to Jammu and Kashmir with a group of 23 family members on April 19. Their trip had included popular tourist destinations such as Gulmarg and Pahalgam. The group, however, narrowly avoided tragedy when they altered their travel plans at the last minute, choosing to stay longer in Gulmarg instead of proceeding to Pahalgam, where a terror attack had claimed multiple lives.

His wife, Mamatha Prasad, echoed the fear and uncertainty that have gripped the group. "We are still reeling from the shock," she said. "Had we gone to Pahalgam, we don't know what might have happened. Right now, we're confined to our hotel and figuring out how to get back to Bengaluru. Our trip was supposed to continue until April 25, but after this incident, all we want is to return home as soon as possible. My children, aged 12 and 15, are traumatised."

The attack in the Pahalgam region of Jammu and Kashmir has left at least three tourists from Karnataka dead – Manjunath Rao from Shivamogga, Bharath Bhushan from Mathikere, Bengaluru, and Madhusudan Rao from Ramamurthynagar, Bengaluru.

Family devastated

Their deaths have cast a shadow over the many families who had travelled to Kashmir for a holiday during the summer break. Bharath, a former software engineer who was running a diagnostic centre in Bengaluru, had arrived in Kashmir on April 18 through a tour package. His mother-in-law, Vimala, said that his mother, who has been bedridden and battling health complications, remains unaware of his death. "She was only recently discharged from the hospital. His brother Preetam rushed to Jammu and Kashmir the moment he heard the news," she added.

Ms. Vimala also recalled how they first learned about the attack. "It was our daughter who called and informed us. She had been married for five years and used to work in an IT firm. We were devastated when we got the call."

Bharath's father, Chanaveerappa, a retired Deputy Director of Public Instruction, was told about his son's death only on Wednesday morning. Bharath's mother, Shailakumari, is a heart patient and is said to be in a critical condition.

School holidays

Madhusudan, a native of Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, was a software engineer by profession and had been living in Bengaluru for 15 years. He was on vacation with his wife and two children. His neighbour, Babu, said the trip had been planned for his children's school holidays.

Bharath's remains are being flown back to Bengaluru, accompanied by his wife Sujatha, son Havish, brother Preetam Chanaveerappa, and other members of their travel group, including Narasim, K.J. Chandrashekhar, Srihari Prasad N., M. Deepu, and M.S. Rahul.

Meanwhile, Madhusudan's body has been brought to Chennai and will be transported to his native village in Andhra Pradesh. His grieving wife, Venkata, daughter Medha, and son Mukund are returning alongside him.

State to bring back 40 stranded tourists on a special flight

Chief Minister announces ₹10 lakh compensation to the families of each of the victims of Pahalgam terrorist attack

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has taken steps to ensure the safe return of over 40 people from Karnataka stranded in Kashmir following the terror attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, on Tuesday. Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced that a special flight is being arranged to bring back the tourists.

Three people from Karnataka were among those killed in the attack. The deceased have been identified as Manjunath Rao from Shivamogga, Bharath Bhushan and Madhusudan Rao from Bengaluru.

The Chief Minister, expressing his deep sorrow, personally reached out to the bereaved families over the phone, offering his condolences and assuring them of the government's full support, according to the Chief Minister's office

According to an official release, Mr. Siddaramaiah spoke to Pallavi, the wife of Manjunath Rao, and Sujatha, the wife of Bharath Bhushan, conveying his sympathies. Bharath Bhushan was fatally shot in the presence of his wife and their three-year-old son, while Manjunath Rao, a realtor by profession, lost his life as his wife and child witnessed the horrific event unfold.

Karnataka Labour Minister Santosh Lad and Tejasvi Surya, MP, interacting with Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in Srinagar on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The State is committed to bringing back every Kannadiga from Kashmir safely," the Chief Minister posted on the social media platform X. "There is no need for panic. I have directed officials to arrange a special flight and coordinate the evacuation efforts. We are acting promptly to ensure the safety and well-being of our people."

As part of the rescue and support efforts, Labour Minister Santosh Lad was sent to Srinagar on Tuesday evening. Leading a team of state officials, Mr. Lad has been overseeing the operations to assist stranded tourists and coordinate with local authorities. He also visited the Muskaan Hotel in Srinagar, where many Karnataka tourists are currently staying, to provide reassurance and check on their welfare, according to a release by the CMO.

Helpline numbers

To ensure on-time assistance, the Karnataka government has issued helpline numbers – 080-43344334, 080-43344335, 080-43344336, and 080-43344342 – requesting relatives, acquaintances, tour operators, and travel agents to share the details of anyone who may be in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr. Siddaramaiah on Wednesday evening also announced an *ex gratia* payment of ₹10 lakh to the families of each of the victims who lost their lives in the attack.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya, who is accompanying the bereaved families on their return journey, stated that comprehensive support and coordination have been arranged for their travel. According to his statement, the group, along with the mortal remains of the victims, is travelling from Srinagar to Delhi on IndiGo flight 6E 3203, scheduled to land at 7.10 p.m. at Terminal 1, Delhi airport. They will continue their onward journey to Bengaluru on IndiGo flight 6E 3101, departing at 1.10 a.m. on April 24 and arriving at 3.45 a.m.

Mr. Surya is travelling along with 13 family members of the deceased to provide assistance and ensure that all formalities are smoothly completed.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar also reached out to the grieving families. In a telephonic conversation with Dr. Ravikiran, the brother-in-law of late Manjunath Rao, Mr. Shivakumar expressed his sympathies and offered the government's unconditional support. "We are with you in this difficult hour. Please stay strong. The State will provide all necessary assistance," he said.

The trip that ended in tragedy

Sathish G.T.
SHIVAMOGGA

Minister Madhu Bangarappa meeting with the family members of Manjunath Rao, who was killed in the Pahalgam terror attack, in Shivamogga on Wednesday. PTI

Amid continuous visits of politicians and officials, a sense of silence has filled 'Manjushree', the house of Manjunath Rao at Vijaya Nagar in Shivamogga. Manjunath was killed on April 22 in the terror attack at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir.

People gathered at the house were talking about when the mortal remains of Manjunath would reach Shivamogga while his aged mother, Sumathi, struggles to digest the hard truth. The relatives of Manjunath heard about his death around 3 p.m. on Tuesday. However, the relatives avoided informing his mother about the death, and ensured that the television remained turned off. She sensed something was wrong as the number of people visiting the place increased.

Elected representatives and police officials reached the place, which caused concern about the safety of her son and his family who were away in Jammu and Kashmir. She asked the relatives around if everything was fine, and enquired when "Manju and his family would return".

Family was celebrating

Manjunath, a realtor, is the only son of Ms. Sumathi, who lost her husband two years ago. Her daughter lives in Tirthahalli. Relatives waited till evening so that her daughter could reach the place and convey the news to her mother. Only after Ms. Sumathi had dinner was she informed about the tragic incident.

Manjunath left for the trip on April 19, with wife, Pallavi R., and son Abhijan, 18. They were celebrating, as Abhijan had cleared II PUC by securing 97% in the Commerce stream.

They were scheduled to return on April 24. However, the terrorists turned the celebratory trip into a tragedy.

Geetha, Manjunath's mother-in-law, still in shock over the tragic death, wanted to know why the government of India allowed tourists to visit Kashmir if the place was not safe for visitors. "The government should have taken enough measures for the safety of visitors," she added.

CHANGE OF NAME

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Note : Calendar of Events: (1) Availability of tender documents in e-Procurement portal: **24.04.2025 onwards. (2)** Last date of Receipt of queries: **08.05.2025 up to 13.00 hrs. (3)** Date of Pre-bid meeting: **28.04.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (4)** Last date of submission of tenders: **08.05.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (5)** Date of Opening technical bid: **09.05.2025 up to 16.15 hrs. (6)** Date of opening of financial bid: will be intimated to qualified tenders.
(1) A Pre-Tender Meeting will be held at in the office of the Executive Engineer, Bengaluru Development Authority, Kumara Park West, T.Chowdaiah Road, Bengaluru-560 020 to clarify the issue and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in "Instructions of Tenderers" of the Technical Bid Document. **(2)** Aspiring Tenderers/Contractors who have not registered in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal should register before participating through the webiste: **http://kppp.karanataka.gov.in (3)** Before Submission of Online Tenders, Tenderers must be filled and submitted online. **(4)** All the Information's required for Tenders must be filled and submitted online. **(5)** For details, Registration and e-Payment visit GoK KPP Portal website:**https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact: KPP Portal Helpdesk. **(6)** This Tender Notice can also be seen on the BDA **website:www.bda.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, DSKL Division, BDA, Bengaluru

Kharge condemns terror attack

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday unequivocally condemned the act of terror at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir and demanded an all-party meeting to address the challenges of terrorism.

"We expect the Central government to hold discussions with all political parties to address the challenge of terrorism in a spirit of consensus, once the necessary actions have been taken and full information has been obtained. They should call an all-party meeting and take some advice. This is not politics, and we don't want politics in this situation," Mr. Kharge said at a press conference in Bengaluru.

Mr. Kharge, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, said, "This terror attack is a direct assault on the unity and integrity of our nation". Since the horrific Chittisinghpura massacre in 2000, this was among the most brazen and outrageous attempts by terrorists and separatist forces," he said. The Chittisinghpura massacre led to the killing of 35 Sikh villagers on March 20, 2000, in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, on the eve of the U.S. President Bill Clinton's visit to India. Now, this terrorist attack in which 26 people were killed has come when U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance is on India tour.

Mr. Kharge said, "The summer season is just beginning. This is the time when tourists start visiting the region. Tourism is also the biggest source of income for Jammu and Kashmir's economy and its people. People of Kashmir depend only on tourism. So, this year's economy has collapsed. The Centre should help them now. At this moment, we all are one. We will be one against the terrorists".

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru** of the **Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on 13.05.2025 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 158583896.67 as on 21.04.2025** with further interest and cost thereon due to **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **(1) M/s Aristos EMS P Ltd.** No. 31, Semicom Park, Tower II, Electronic City Phase II, Bangalore-560100. **(2) Mr. Mahesh Draksharapu, (3) Mrs. Aparna Draksharapu, Both are residing at:** Villa No.109, Akshaya Layout, Sy No.24/10, Seegehalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore. **(4) Mr. Vivek Chandran** S/o Baby Mohanachandra Kaniyam Kandy, Plot No.103/A, Flat No. 303, Hamilton Surabhi, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk-560034.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **12.05.2025 - 5.00 pm.** **(₹. in Lakhs)**

Lot No	Description of the Property	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value
1	The property consists of 64.52 cents of land in R.S No. 244/7 at Kalliasseri Village in Kannur Taluk in Kannur District. Kerala held in the name of Mr. Vivek Chandran S/o Baby Mohana Chandra. **Coordinates of the property : Latitude-11.973157 N, Longitude- 75.353843 E**	₹. 92.90	₹. 9.30	₹. 1.00

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Date : 23.04.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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SALE NOTICE (For Sale of Movable Property)

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Name of Borrower(s)	Outstanding Balance as on 20.04.2025	Brief details of the Vehicle	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit Bid Increase Amount Possession Type
Borrower: Mr. MITHUN AMARAVATHI (60466977182) No.13 3rd Main B Block, Vinayaka Nagar, Konena Agrahara, Bangalore-560017	**Rs.1637427.00** (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Thirty Seven thousand four Hundred Twenty Seven) plus further interest w.e.f. 21.04.2025 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	Volkswagen Virtus GT Plus 1.5 TSI DSG i. Registration No. – KA 05NJ8268 ii. Date of Registration – 14.12.2023 iii. Year of Manufacturing - 2023 iv. Model & Colour – Carbon Steel v. Chassis No. MEXL23D23RT020346 vi. Engine No. – DUMA53251 vii. Fuel Use : Petrol viii. Meter reading(Odometer) : 6185 km ix. Transmission – Automatic	**Rs. 15,50,000/-** **Rs. 1,55,000/-** **Rs.10,000/-** **Physical**

- **Date of E-Auction & Time: 12.05.2025, 01.00 PM to 5.00 PM**
- **Property Inspection Date & Time: on or before 10.05.2025 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with prior appointment.**
- **Last Date & Time for submission of Bid/EMD : 12.05.2025 , Before 12:00 PM**
- **For Details Bank Official Contact No : 8892399580**

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Authorized Officer &
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Date : 21.04.2025
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Centre's intelligence failure led to Pahalgam attack: CM

Siddaramaiah condemns the incident in which three persons from State were among those killed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said "intelligence failure" of the Central government is responsible for the terror attack at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir.

"It's a planned attack, and this is the failure of the Central government's intelligence gathering process," he told reporters in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Earlier, in 2019, a terror attack occurred in Pulwama due to the failure of the intelligence mechanism, the Chief Minister said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah condemned the terror attack, which claimed the lives of 26 persons, including three from Karnataka, and said the government would consider the possibility of giving compensation to the families of the terror victims.

Minister Santosh Lad with family members of a terror attack victim identifying the mortal remains at a hospital in Srinagar.

Launching a scathing attack on the Union government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge accused the government of ignoring critical security warnings in both the Pulwama and Pahalgam attacks.

"Security lapses were flagged beforehand in both cases. Both ignored," he said in a post on X, adding that the BJP-led Centre had cut over 1.8 lakh army personnel posts since the COVID-19 pandemic "to save money". Taking a jibe at Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Mr. Kharge said, "When the so-called Chanakya Home Minister is busy toppling governments, breaking parties, and rigging elections, this is what happens. Where is the intelligence? Where is the surveillance? Where is James Bond Doval?"

"If *Manyavar* Amit Shah had shown the same interest in monitoring foreign threats as he does in snooping on Opposition leaders or making Jay Shah the ICC president, maybe, China would not be squatting on Indian land and maybe this unfortunate attack could have been prevented."

He warned against the government downplaying the tragedy or using it to stoke communal tensions. "This government will under-report casualties and blame the Congress as usual," he said.

He went further to question whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi would demand Mr. Shah's resignation. "Does the PM have the guts to order Home Minister Mr. Shah's resignation? Will the RSS' aggression be limited only to Vijayadashami Utsav speeches and aggression on minorities and Dalits? Do they have it in them to show the PM the door?" he stated in the post.

Cabinet to meet at M.M. Hills today

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The historic Cabinet meeting scheduled to be held at Male Mahadeshwara (M.M.) Hills in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district on Thursday is expected to give approval for pending projects in the Chamarajanagar-Mysuru region.

The special Cabinet meeting on Thursday is the second such to be held in the backward district of Chamarajanagar after former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna held a 'mini'-Cabinet meeting in April 2001 at Biligiri Rangana Betta, popularly known as B.R. Hills.

A file photo of Male Mahadeshwara Hills in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district.

The meeting is expected to give approval for pending projects in Chamarajanagar and Mysuru regions

Earlier meeting

While the 'mini'-Cabinet meeting held 24 years ago focussed on tribal welfare, the full-fledged Cabinet meeting scheduled for Thursday is expected to clear pending projects in not only Chamarajanagar district, which figures among the most backward districts of the State, but also the adjoining district of Mysuru, which is incidentally Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's native place.

During his recent visit to Mysuru, Congress MLC Yathindra said the MLAs of the region had brought to the notice of the Chief Minister various pending projects in their respective constituencies that require the Cabinet approval. Hence, the Cabinet meet is expected to give approval to the pending projects of Chamarajanagar and Mysuru regions.

It may be mentioned here that the Varuna Assembly constituency, which Mr. Siddaramaiah represents, is part of the Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituency.

Congress MLA A.R. Krishnamurthy, representing Kollegal in Chamarajanagar district, told *The Hindu* that a representation had been submitted to the government through the district administration ahead of the Cabinet meeting highlighting the need for expanding and upgrading irrigation network from the Chikkahole dam and setting up the second industrial park in the district viz. phase 2 of Badanaguppe-Kellamballi-Kallahalli industrial estate.

Wish list

The wish list from Chamarajanagar district also includes government incentives for the silk industry by reviving the closed filatures and State-support to existing raw silk manufacturing industries, besides the setting up of a second district hospital as the existing one now is a teaching hospital attached to the Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences.

The Cabinet meeting at Deepadagiri Vaddu at M.M. Hills on Thursday is expected to be attended by most of the Ministers, including Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Home Minister G. Parameshwara.

It may be mentioned here that the special Cabinet meeting planned in Chamarajanagar had to be put off twice for various reasons.

Ashok urges govt. to detect sleeper cells in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the light of the terror attack in Kashmir that claimed 26 lives, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok has urged the State government to detect sleeper cells and maintain law and order in Karnataka.

"The government should maintain law and order, detect sleeper cells, monitor those with terror links released on bail and ensure the police take immediate action against them," Mr. Ashok told presspersons here on Wednesday. He termed the deaths of Bharath Bhushan and Manjunath Rao, both residents of Karnataka, as tragic.

He claimed that sleeper cells exist in Bengaluru and Karnataka, and some even have voter identity cards.

BJP members protesting against the terror attack at Pahalgam, in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

He also said that the BJP would hold a condolence meeting at its office and all taluk centres. As a mark of protest, BJP members would be wearing black bands.

Meanwhile, BJP MP and former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the attack on innocent tourists at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir was a heinous act and an attempt to revive terrorism, which every citizen must condemn.

Commenting on X regarding the incident, Mr. Bommai said that "firing bullets in the name of religion clearly indicates the involvement of anti-India forces. The Central government must take this matter seriously and take strict action".

Mr. Bommai also urged the State government to make all necessary arrangements to bring back Kannadigas stranded in the Kashmir Valley safely.

Proceedings in HC hit due to boycott call by advocates' association

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Decision of the apex court's collegium to transfer four judges to other High Courts opposed

The proceedings in the High Court of Karnataka were severely affected on Wednesday due to the boycott call given by the Advocates' Association, Bengaluru, (AAB), opposing the decision of the apex court's collegium to transfer four judges to other High Courts.

Though the AAB in its general body meeting held on April 22 passed a resolution for "abstaining from work", a good number of advocates were present in all the court halls of the High Court's principal Bench in Bengaluru on Wednesday morning.

However, several office-bearers, including AAB president Vivek Subba Reddy, went to all the court halls and requested the advocates, who were waiting for the court proceedings to commence, to leave the court halls, stating that the AAB had passed a resolution to abstain from the High Court proceedings.

Via videoconference

While many advocates left the court halls, some resisted and remained in the halls and participated in the proceedings. A large number of advocates participated in the proceedings by utilising the videoconference facility.

The AAB office-bearers entered some court halls when the proceedings were under way and urged the advocates to leave the halls stating that the association has called for boycotting the proceedings not for any personal interest but to safeguard the interest of the High Court by opposing the decision to transfer four judges – Justices Krishna S. Dixit, K. Natarajan, N.S. Sanjay Gowda, and Hemant Chandangoudar.

Meanwhile, the court corridors witnessed some heated arguments between a few office-bearers of the AAB and a few advocates over the issue of abstaining from court proceedings. An advocate told a Division Bench that it is difficult for the advocates to appear on Wednesday as the AAB was insisting on abstaining from proceedings, and there were 'scuffles' among advocates over the issue of boycott.

Despite the boycott call, the proceedings in several court halls, including in the Chief Justice's court hall and the court hall in which petitions seeking bail are heard, were conducted. In many cases, the court granted bail or anticipatory bail to petitioner-accused persons even in the absence of their advocates, after hearing the government advocates, who represent the police.

In court hall number-1, a government advocate told the office-bearers of the AAB not to embarrass her when they asked even government advocates to leave the court when the proceedings were under way. In several court halls, litigants personally appeared and requested for adjournment.

Three-day fruit and food mela

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra of Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences in Shivamogga will hold a three-day fruit and food mela from Saturday, to mark its silver jubilee.

R.C. Jagadeesha, Vice-Chancellor of the university, at a press conference here on Wednesday, said the KVK on the university campus had been serving the needs of the farming community in the last 25 years. To mark the occasion, the university would hold the fruit and food mela on the university college campus at Navule. The exhibition-cum-sale would be open for the public between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on all three days.

The mela would include an exhibition of different varieties of mango, jackfruit, banana, and other fruits.

HC: Constitutional courts cannot scrutinise grounds of arrest in action taken by ED under PMLA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The constitutional courts cannot examine the probative worth of each reason in the 'reasons to believe' and each ground in 'the grounds of arrest' given by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) while acting under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) when there exists a demonstrable application of mind and that the arrest is not based on whim or conjecture, the High Court of Karnataka has said.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna gave these findings while upholding the procedure adopted and the grounds mentioned in the arrest memo by the Enforcement Directorate while arresting R.M. Manjunath Gowda, a former chairman of the Shivamogga District Cooperative Central (DCC) Bank in a money laundering case linked to a ₹62.77 crore gold loan scam in the bank. The ED arrested him on April 9.

It was argued on behalf Mr. Gowda that the grounds mentioned in the grounds of arrest in the arrest memo are completely erroneous, and they do not relate to the predicate offence; and that there is "no reason to believe" that Mr. Gowda and his wife, Asha H.C., possess proceeds of crime.

"In cases governed by the PMLA and kindred statutes, like the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the statutory scheme mandates disclosure of the grounds of arrest. Yet, while such disclosure is indispensable, the constitutional courts cannot transmute themselves into appellate tribunals, examining the probative worth of each ground or dissecting every syllable of the reasons, in the reasons to believe, or the grounds, in the grounds of arrest, so long as the two reflect a demonstrable application of mind and the fact that the arrest is not predicated upon whim or conjecture," Mr. Justice Nagaprasanna said.

"*Prima facie*, Mr. Gowda is directly or indirectly indulging in concealment, possession, acquisition or use and projecting or claiming the money as untainted; and the money trail runs to several crores," the court noted.

The reasons drawn by the ED to believe that Mr. Gowda and his wife are in possession of the proceeds of crime narrate vivid details of identification of disproportionate assets more than the income, and *inter alia* several aspects, the court pointed out while declining to interfere with the actions initiated against them by the ED.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan
IFT No.01/2025-26, Dated: 21.04.2025

Short term tenders are invited from eligible Agencies in two cover system through KPPP portal of GOK (website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for Hassan District works as per SBD-KW-2&4, KC-1 maximum tender amount is Rs.564.24 lakhs & minimum tender amount is Rs.0.80 lakhs.The last date of receipt of tender is 29-04-2025 upto 5.00 PM hours. Further detail can be had from KPPP portal and the above office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan.

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Government of Karnataka
(Department of Co-operation)
CANARA BANK SC/ST EMPLOYEES WELFARE ASSOCIATION
Jai Bheem Bhavan, No.16, 2nd floor, J.C.Road, 1st Cross, New Mission Road, Bangalore-560027
ELECTION NOTIFICATION

CANARA BANK SC/ST EMPLOYEES WELFARE ASSOCIATION., Jai Bheem Bhavan, No.16, 2nd Floor, J.C.Road, 1st Cross, New Mission Road, Bangalore-560027., Election to the central committee for the period of three years from date of election of the said association to be held **on 10-5-2025**, Saturday at the National College (PU College) 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560070.
As per Byelaw of the association 35 post elected through election, and 8 members will be co-opted by the newly elected office bearers. The Calendar of Events Published on **16-4-2025** by the Election Officer. The date of Submission of Nomination begins from **24-4-2025** and Last date for Submission of Nomination is dated on **1-5-2025** between **11 to 4 pm.** The scrutiny of Nominations on dated **2-5-2025,** Withdrawal of Nominations. by the contesting candidate on **3-5-2025** between 11 to 4 pm If the number of nominations are more to the post mentioned in the bye law the election will be conducted as per schedule date, time and place.
Note:
1. The members should compulsory bring ID card issued by the bank on the day of polling or else the members will not be allowed to enter the polling station to cast the vote.
2. The notice of Calendar of Events is already posted to all the members address. If members have not received the notice. This notifications is treated as election notice.

sd/- Election Officer
Canara Bank SC/ST Employees' Welfare Association
Jai Bheem Bhavan, No. 16,
2nd Floor, J.C. Road, 1st Cross,
New Mission Road, Bangalore - 560 027.

Date: 16-4-2025
Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby put to notice that our client **M.Murali,** S/o K.Manikyam Residing at No 149, 10th 'C' Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore 560097, purchased **Schedule A** property by way of Registered Sale deed dated 24/6/2024, vide Document No YAN-1-04499-2024-25, Book No 1, Pages 1 to 12, from his vendor P.M.Raju and his G.P.A Holder Mrs Kempa Hanumakka W/o Late Ramaiah. Similarly M.Murali M.Murali S/o K.Manikyam Residing at No 149, 10th 'C' Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore 560097, purchased **Schedule B** property by way of Registered Sale deed dated 24/6/2024, vide Document No YAN-1-04498-2024-25, Book No 1, Pages 1 to 12, from his vendor P.M.Raju and his G.P.A Holder Mrs Kempa Hanumakka W/o Late Ramaiah from his Vendor.
The Schedule A and Schedule B property originally belonged to one Mr Abdul Saheb S/o Babu Saheb, he executed Registered G.P.A in favour of P.M. Raju s/o Papaiah through registered document No 147/91-92, Book IV, Volume No SF7, Dated 27/2/1992. Sri P.M. Raju inturn executed General Power of Attorney in favour of Mrs Kempa Hanumakka dated 17/3/1992.
This Public notice is issued to invite objections, if any, from concerned parties regarding the schedule properties transactions. Any Objections or claims concerning the ownership, title or any other legal aspects related to schedule properties should be submitted in writing **within 7 days** from the date of this Public notice to the undersigned Advocate. If no objections or claims or Registered or lodged, our client shall proceed to Mortgage the schedule properties to the SMFG INDIA CREDIT CO LTD. Any claim received beyond 7 days will not be considered in the absence of any objections within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that there are no encumbrances or disputes regarding the schedule properties and the Mortgage will be proceed accordingly.
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2016 Royal Challengers Bangalore vs Sunrisers Hyderabad in Bengaluru on May 29. K. MURALI KUMAR

2025 Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Punjab Kings in Bengaluru on April 18. K. MURALI KUMAR

Forever 12th man: Why RCB fans remain loyal after 18 years and no trophy

In a world where loyalty often hinges on success, the RCB fan base stands out to be resilient, passionate, and endlessly optimistic. *The Hindu* caught up with some of its diehard fans on the eve of another match at Chinnaswamy Stadium

2014 Royal Challengers Bangalore vs Sunrisers Hyderabad in Bengaluru on May 4. K. MURALI KUMAR

2025 Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Delhi Capitals in Bengaluru on April 10. K. MURALI KUMAR

2013 Royal Challengers Bangalore vs Rajasthan Royals in Bengaluru on April 20. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

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BENGALURU

It has been 17 seasons, countless heartbreaks, and still no Indian Premier League (IPL) trophy. Yet, every year, as the summer heat rises, so does the roar of the Royal Challengers Bangalore's (RCB) faithful fans. Clad in red and gold, with voices hoarse from chanting "RCB, RCB" and hearts full of hope with slogans like "Ee Sala Cup Namde" (This time, the cup is ours), RCB fans return match after match, season after season, undaunted by the scoreboard. In a world where loyalty often hinges on success, the RCB fan base stands out to be resilient, passionate, and endlessly optimistic.

RCB, currently playing its 18th season, is one of the most popular and passionately supported franchises in the IPL. Based in Bengaluru, the team was founded in 2008 and is owned by United Spirits, a subsidiary of British beverage company Diageo. Despite boasting some of the biggest names in cricket over the years, including Anil Kumble, Virat Kohli, AB de Villiers, Chris Gayle, and Faf du Plessis, RCB has never won an IPL title, which has often made them the subject of memes and heartbreak in equal measure.

The team had reached the finals three times in 2009, 2011, and 2016, but narrowly missed the crown each time. Their tagline, "Ee Sala Cup Namde, " has become a rallying cry and meme rolled into one, capturing both the hope and humour of the RCB journey. And for their fans, the journey has always mattered more than the destination.

Passion and team spirit

We spoke to the "12th man army", as RCB fondly calls its fans from across the State, questioning why they continue to support the franchise despite not bringing home a cup.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Rakhi Chadaga, a 29-year-old HR professional, said, "For us RCB fans, it is not about winning the cup. Of course, that would be icing on the cake. But it is more about how RCB plays each game, the thrill of it. From the good old days of Anil Kumble, Rahul Dravid, Chris Gayle, ABd to the forever favourite Virat, we support RCB for the B (Bangalore) not the C (cup)."

Tejas Narayanappa, a data engineer, said, "I am an RCB fan because, let's face it, if you are born in India, you are pretty much destined to support cricket, and if you're from Bengaluru, RCB is the team you are drawn to! It's almost like a rite of passage. Growing up in the city, watching matches at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, and cheering for the team, it's part of Bengaluru and our identity."

Inspiration to many

Veeresh Badiger, a 27-year-old video editor, has been a fan of RCB since 2013. "For me, it all started with fantastic players like AB de Villiers and Chris Gayle. As I grew up, I realised RCB is not just about star players, but it is about passion, team spirit, and giving your all every season. Watching them over the years taught me a lot - staying loyal, never giving up, living in the moment, working hard, and believing in yourself." Veeresh added that these lessons helped him become mentally stronger and apply the same in my life. "RCB has become more than a team for me; it has played a big role in my personal growth," he added.

"From watching Karnataka's legends like Dravid and Kumble to witnessing Virat Kohli grow from a young under-19 player into a symbol of loyalty and passion, RCB has always felt personal. With ABd and Chris Gayle redefining T20 entertainment, this team did not just play, they inspired. More than anything, RCB stands for the spirit of never giving up.

No matter the season, no matter the odds, they fight till the end. And every time I see that red and gold jersey, I believe in them all over again," said Anurag Sharma a theatre artist.

Srinivasachari G., from Nangali Village, Kolar, said it always feels like he is part of the RCB family. "I'm emotionally attached to the team, and going to Chinnaswamy feels like home. Every year, we carry a lot of emotions, every win, every loss, every game we feel and enjoy wholeheartedly. Yes, we don't have a trophy, but the team with zero trophies has the highest number of fan following across the country, RCB is the Heart of IPL," he said.

Fans of all ages

While RCB is known for having fans who have been following the franchise since 2008, older and younger fans have also been growing for the team. Ravi Subramaniam, at 72, is a die-hard RCB fan.

"I have seen cricket from the days of B.S. Chandrasekhar and E.A.S. Prasanna. But there is something about RCB that keeps me young at heart. I have not followed RCB from the beginning, I started watching the matches a couple of years ago with my children and grandchildren just to spend some time with family. But they had me hooked.

We may not have a trophy, but we have heart. And as long as there is a match at Chinnaswamy, I will be there, with my flag, my whistle, and my hope," he said cheerfully.

Huda Syed, at 15, is as passionate a fan as Subramaniam. The 10th grade student said, "I have been an RCB fan literally since I was born, not because of the trophies, but because of the passion and energy this team brings to the field. Supporting RCB is more than just backing a team, it is about believing in potential, loving the game, and standing by your favourites through every high and low. Watching legends like Virat Kohli give their all every single match, win or lose, has been nothing short of inspiring. Yes, we have not lifted the IPL trophy yet, but the loyalty, the Chinnaswamy roar, and the unwavering belief of the fans make us champions in spirit. RCB is a feeling, not just a franchise. And we will always say it loud 'Ee Sala Cup Namde."

Jana Sevaka eases the process of getting e-khata

Launched by State government in 2019, Jana Sevaka provides doorstep delivery of services, especially to senior citizens and persons with disabilities

Dhiraj Shetty
BENGALURU

The painful process of getting e-khata turned into a pleasant experience for the residents of an apartment complex in East Bengaluru last weekend.

Frustrated by the BBMP portal, which sometimes did not accept documents or allow entry of data, and at other times got stuck in the middle of the process, the residents sought assistance from Jana Sevaka, which was launched by the government of Karnataka to provide doorstep delivery of services to citizens.

On April 12-13, the Jana Sevaka team set up camp in Purva Seasons at C.V. Raman Nagar, and helped residents get the e-khata.

An RWA member estimates that up to 350 residents approached the Jana Sevaka team during the two-day camp.

Jana Sevaka came into being in 2019. Among their notable achievements is taking the process of making Aadhaar cards to the doorstep of senior citizens and disabled persons. They charge a fee for their service.

Senior citizens offered logistical support to the Jana Sevaka team during the e-khata camp at Purva Seasons in C.V. Raman Nagar, Bengaluru, on April 12 and 13, 2025. DHIRAJ SHETTY

According to a member of the Jana Sevaka team, when they were told by the government of Karnataka to help with e-khatas, the team first learnt about the documents required and the process. After becoming familiar with the process, they began accepting requests to visit apartments to help property owners get the e-khata.

The RWA member said, "We were advised by Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) to approach the Jana Sevaka team to organise an e-khata camp in our apartment complex. Besides e-khata, the Jana Sevaka team helped with Aadhaar enrolment for newborns, and for small kids because of the GoI requirement to update Aadhaar details once every 10 years."

Address change was another requirement since a lot of residents had moved to Bengaluru and made the city their home.

Joe Eipe, a resident of Purva Seasons, said, "My mother Annamma Eipe, who is aged 91, was the oldest person to avail of their service here. She finished updating her Aadhaar in less than 5 minutes. When she initially made her Aadhaar card, she did not have an email address or mobile number, and the Aadhaar card centre was far from her home.

Also, she was apprehensive of brokers and agents you find in all these centres who fleece you and trick you into revealing your personal information. She is among the satisfied customers of Jana Sevaka because now she can avail so many services that she could not in the past, sitting at home because her mobile number was updated. There were many other senior citizens like her at the camp."

According to one resident, "The camp was especially useful for senior citizens who are not computer literate."

Common problems with e-khata process

Vishnu Gattupalli, General Secretary, BAF, says, "We noticed that property owners faced two main problems while trying to get e-khata.

They are: errors in BBMP data base; and errors in case of joint ownership. In case of errors and joint ownership, owners had to get in touch with the ARO or other BBMP officials to resolve the problem."

At a personal level, Vishnu made a video on how to get an e-khata to help his neighbours. While helping his neighbours get the e-khata, he got to observe the improvements in the system.

He says, "The BBMP team seems to have taken all the feedback they were getting. Their system has been getting better since the launch in October 2024."

Ajay Mehrotra, member of the governing council of BAF and a resident of Wilson Manor at Wilson Garden, says, "The Jana Sevaka team helped around 100 residents in our community get the e-khata. I believe that up to 50 apartment complexes across Bengaluru may have used their services so far."

Vishnu Gattupalli says, "The e-khata initiative is a big help for property owners.

In December 2024, BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) Munish Moudgil came for a Q&A with BAF members and very patiently answered every question. To give credit where it is due, the government has been going all out to help people get e-khata."

The e-Khata journey

- On October 1 last year, BBMP launched e-khata, a digitally processed khata issuance system
- Until then, records of the 22 lakh properties in BBMP jurisdiction were maintained manually in over 5,500 ledgers
- E-khata system is expected help property buyers while preparing and procuring land ownership documents
- The system has been facing glitches, like the portal being unresponsive, not accepting documents, getting stuck mid-way, and, in general, the process being very difficult
- In January this year, to speed up the issuance of e-Khata, BBMP announced that RWAs and citizen groups can organise e-khata camps in their neighbourhood

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO APRIL 24, 1975

Expansion Plans of Mysore Print Unit

Bangalore, April 23: The Mysore Lac and Paint Works Limited would undergo modernisation and double its production in the coming years, the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company, Mr. K.S. Suryanarayana Rao, said here today.

Speaking to pressmen in connection with the opening of a branch office of the company at Kalasipalyam, he said that the five-year modernisation programme would cost Rs. five lakhs. A resin manufacturing plant would be set up at a cost of Rs. one lakh. Mr. Rao said that the factory, which was set up in 1937, had a rated capacity of 1,000 tonnes of paint per annum.

No Move to Close Kannada Schools in Kasaragod

Kasaragod, April 23: The District Education Officer in Kasaragod has categorically denied that orders have been issued for the closure of 30 Kannada schools in the Kasaragod Educational District on the ground that they lacked the required minimum strength. In fact, no Kannada school has been closed during this year he has said in a statement issued on April 22. The DEO stated that he had given notices to few managements of aided schools which were not able to maintain the required minimum strength of 25 students in each division.

According to Kerala Educational Rules (KER) irrespective of the medium of education, every school had to maintain this minimum strength and when the schools failed to do so closure notices were served on them.

CITYBEATS

Melody makers

APRIL 25-30
The Bangalore School of Music (BSM) in association with Alliance Francaise Bangalore and Goethe-Institut are presenting a lineup of musical events to celebrate International Jazz Day. The Blue Room, The Raft, Jagriti Theatre, Science Gallery and the Yamaha Showroom are some of the venues in the city hosting celebrations during the week.
Whatsapp 9611980876 for schedule of events

Book talk

APRIL 26
Atta Galatta presents The BWW Short Story Community Literary Meetup. This curated literary and community event, presented by Bhumika Anand from the Bangalore Writers Workshop, will discuss *Fire Rain from Heart Lamp: Selected Stories* by Banu Mushtaq.
At 3.30pm at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar. Tickets on BookMyShow.

Dessert oasis

ONGOING
Sawari India Restaurant has launched a range of mango special drinks and desserts. The beverage section includes a spicy mango tango, mango lassi, aam panna and mango jaljeera, while the dessert section includes mango kulfi, aam rabri, alphonso mango ice cream and mango shrikhand.
At Sawari India Restaurant, Hennur.

GIG GUIDE

All that jazz and more

From indie rock and a smattering of jazz, to a healthy dose of Carnatic and contemporary, a range of melodies will play out in the city this weekend

Anurag Tagat

Lakkshya
April 25, 7:30 pm onwards
Medai - The Stage, Koramangala
Entry: ₹499 onwards, via ticketed.in

On the back of releasing their latest album *Ecstasy*, fusion group Lakkshya have been on an India tour promoting their blend of traditional Carnatic sounds with contemporary influences. After selling out tickets for their Mumbai show earlier this month, the group's penultimate stop on the tour organised by Quriosity is in Bengaluru, at Medai - The Stage. The lineup comprises singer-violinist Ila Diliip, composer-violinist KJ Diliip, percussionist Sunaad Anoor and keyboardist Diptangshu Bhowmik.

The album features collaborations with the likes of bassist virtuoso Mohini Dey on songs such as 'The Way Home' and 'Bhavani', seasoned bassist Achal Murthy on another track called 'Envy' and gifted percussionist BC Manjunath on the title track. On stage in Bengaluru, they will be joined by percussionist and drummer Gopi Shravan TS.

The group says in a statement, "We're thrilled to be touring India for the first time after the release of our debut album *Ecstasy*. Sharing our music with audiences across the country has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and the response has been overwhelming."

They add, "We're especially excited for our upcoming performance at Medai, one of Bangalore's most intimate and beautiful venues. Joining us for this show is the phenomenal drummer Gopi Shravan. We've been performing with him for a few years now, and the chemistry is electric – this one's going to be a killer collaboration!"

Dhruv Kapoor, Mahesh, Gowri Bhat
April 27, 8:30 pm onwards
Bira 91 Taproom, Koramangala
Entry: ₹499 via Skillboxes, plus ₹500 cover charge at the door

Three singer-songwriters across experience and styles take over Bira 91 Taproom this weekend, promising stories of heartbreak, soul-searching and sailing through it all. The lineup includes seasoned Bengaluru-based artiste and vocal coach Mahesh, whose music is described by the event curators as "soulful, introspective, and rooted in the city's indie spirit."

Singer-songwriter Gowri Bhatt, who first grew her fanbase via Instagram during the pandemic through her intimate covers and original songs will bring "evocative storytelling, powerful melodies and classical singing".

The night will be headlined by New Delhi artiste Dhruv Kapoor, who released his self-titled debut album in October last year. Not only known for English songs such as 'What Is Love' but also Hindi tracks like 'Tum Ho Meri Jaan', the artiste will bring "bilingual ballads and honest lyricism that linger long after". Kapoor added in a post on social media, "Bangalore on a beautiful Sunday evening! Can't wait to play for all of you at Bira91 Taproom in Koramangala."

Indie Rock Riot
April 26, 8 pm onwards
Bira 91 Taproom, Koramangala
Entry: ₹499, via Skillboxes.com

The latest edition of Indie Rock Riot at Bira 91 Taproom calls on two Mysuru acts – fusion-progressive rock band Param and alternative rockers The Reuben Brothers. Param says in a joint statement about the show, "Param fuses the soulful depth of Hindustani classical with the edge of progressive rock, creating a sound that's both unique and transcendent. The Reuben Brothers deliver a bold take on alternative rock, blending raw energy with melodic finesse. The show will provide a high octane sonic experience guaranteed to strike a chord with every music lover. The specialty is both the bands are from Mysore!"

Soul tunes

Ruth Dhanaraj

It is that time of year when the mango showers fall, bringing a welcome respite from the heat and a promise of fragrant, wholesome summer fruits. While one cannot predict the rain these days, the city's music lovers can certainly enjoy the Mango Showers Music Festival – a three-day programme with a mixed bag of events.

When it was established in 2011, the primary purpose of the Majolly Music Trust was to aid aging musicians who were unable to land or perform gigs anymore. However, the Mango Showers Music Festival is a fundraiser to launch their newest initiative – a scholarship fund for students who want to study music but cannot afford to.

According to Neecia Majolly, founder of the Trust, a scholarship fund was always on their cards. "When it comes to Western classical music, there are no institutions in India for higher studies and students have to go abroad to pursue their passion," Neecia says. "Now, this is not cheap and banks do not offer loans for music studies as they feel they are not a financially viable cause."

Neecia says watching one of her own students run from pillar to post a few years ago, to raise the cash for her education, spurred her to get this fundraiser up and running. She does admit that while the event may not generate enough funds to cover the entire tuition for every aspiring student, it could ease their burden and raise awareness, hopefully benefiting more students over time.

"All proceeds from the Mango Shower Music Festival will go towards the scholarship fund."

Bengaluru-based musician Joey Sharma, who will be performing at the festival, says he and his band were glad to be part of the initiative when Neecia approached them a few months ago. "We'll be playing a genre of music called gypsy jazz, a style pioneered by Django Reinhardt, a Belgian guitarist," he says, adding that audiences could expect melodies "reminiscent of Woody Allen movies with a modern touch."

A musical titled *Jack and the Beans Talk*, with an original score and script will be presented, as well as a performance by German pianist Andreas Konig. Andreas who will be presenting a Western classical piano recital on April 27, will also be conducting a master class with piano students at Odyssey School of Music, earlier in the day.

The Mango Shower Music Festival will take place from April 25 to 27. Donor passes cost ₹449, ₹225 for children below eight years. For bookings and other details call 8494930941

Tune in A scene from *Jack and the Beans Talk,* Andreas Konig (above). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A smartly made crowd pleaser

FILM REVIEW

Vivek MV

Ajai Rao-starrer *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2* is a conventional legal drama with enough for those looking for complexities involved in a courtroom battle. The Pavan Bhat directorial is a deliberate crowd-pleaser, even as it does not trivialise a sensational case at its centre.

The film never aims to be an intense drama. Despite the slow start, the early episodes of *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2* are an easy watch as we see an orphan (essayed by Ajai) who works as a cashier in a hotel graduating as a lawyer. The sad reality of an inexperienced lawyer struggling to make ends meet is quite relatable; however, the film doesn't milk his plight, as his dismal situation gets conveyed in a light manner.

So, when our hero, Bharath Hanumanth, decides to go up against famous lawyer Robert D'Souza (Prakash Belawadi), he is belittled by his boss for taking up an "open and shut case." A single mother (Archana Jois) kills a youngster accused of molesting her school-going daughter. Police encounters are seen as a model of instant justice. But what if the accused gets shot by someone related to the victim in the presence of police and lawyers inside the court premises?

Ajai Rao is credited for the film's screenplay, while Pavan has written the story and dialogues apart from direction. Throughout the movie, you feel the difference in the sensibilities of a yesteryear star and a new-gen filmmaker. While it's not a bad mix, it's not perfect.

The opposition lawyer is portrayed as a clown just because the makers want the audience to be disgusted with him.

Prakash Belawadi's snarky smile and effortless ability to bring a sense of evil satire to his characters are enough to hate him on screen.

Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 offers enough challenges for both lawyers. The twists and turns in the case and the gripping exchanges between the lawyers keep the courtroom scenes engaging. The dignified presence of TS Nagabharana, who plays the judge, is a bonus. The dialogues are sharp, with a strong take on trial-by-media being one of the best.

The film, like most of the Indian legal movies, takes cinematic liberty in its narration. The child victim's identity gets disclosed, contrary to the law, but the most obvious artistic expression is the heroic interpretation of the winning lawyer.

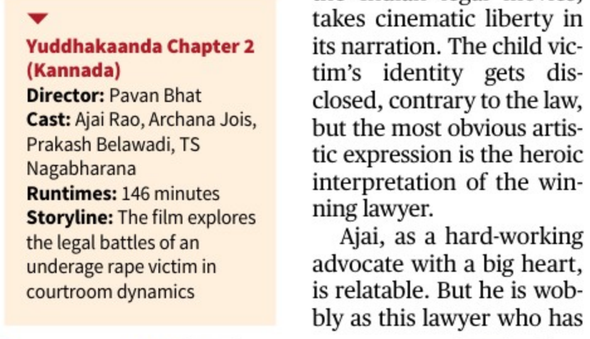
Ajai, as a hard-working advocate with a big heart, is relatable. But he is wobbly as this lawyer who has an emotional attachment to his case. His emotionally charged monologue in the climax is modeled on the tone of V Ravichandran's lead character in the film's predecessor, *Yudhakaanda*, released in 1989.

However, that film was tailor-made for its time. More than two decades later, one would expect less melodrama in a courtroom film.

Ajai's Bharath Hanumanth is a far cry from 'Lion' Jagapathi Rao, the titular character essayed by Vishnuvardhan in the 1991 movie. Vishnuvardhan brings a sense of great control in his performance during the charged-up arguments inside the court. Even thespian Dr Rajkumar, in *Dhruva Thare* (1989), is brilliant as a lawyer with authoritative body language and effortless dialogue delivery.

On the small screen, TN Seetharam's long-running *Muktha* appealed to a wide section of the audience for its interesting trials and emotionally resonating sub-plots.

The massive popularity of the serial shows the demand for the genre from the family crowd. *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2* could well reignite the genre in Kannada cinema.



Crime and punishment Ajai Rao in *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (Kannada)
Director: Pavan Bhat
Cast: Ajai Rao, Archana Jois, Prakash Belawadi, TS Nagabharana
Runtimes: 146 minutes
Storyline: The film explores the legal battles of an underage rape victim in courtroom dynamics

Regional cybercrime coordination cell soon

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

A dedicated regional coordination cell to streamline investigations, share real-time intelligence, and fast-track action against cyber offenders will soon be set up for southern States. The decision was announced during the Regional Quarterly Meeting of the Southern State DGPs Coordination Conference held in Hyderabad.

The high-level conference brought together senior police officials from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to address growing challenges in cybercrime and cyber security across the region.

Key priorities highlighted during the meeting included enhancing inter-state and inter-sectoral coordination, tackling the misuse of cryptocurrencies in cyber offences, strengthening cooperation with banking and telecom sectors, and leveraging artificial intelligence for cyber policing.

Telangana Director General of Police (DGP) Jitender called for a united southern front to tackle digital threats and strengthen cyber defences through collective expertise. Meanwhile, Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) Director Shikha Goel suggested integrating artificial intelligence and cross-State data exchange to disrupt cybercrime ecosystems.

SFIO accuses Kerala CM's daughter of siphoning off ₹2.78 cr. from firm

Central probe agency says Veena colluded with Cochin Minerals MD and misrepresented the payments as 'IT consultancy fee' for services that were not delivered; she is named 11th accused; High Court has stayed all proceedings in the case

K.S. Sudhi
KOCHI

T. Veena, daughter of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, colluded with Sasidharan Kartha, chairman and managing director of Kochi-based Cochin Minerals and Rutile Limited (CMRL), to "siphon off ₹2.78 crore from the company, misrepresenting the payments as IT consultancy fee for services that were not delivered", according to the Serious Fraud Investigation Organisation (SFIO).

"Ms. Veena played a pivotal role in the fraudulent operations totalling ₹2.78 crore from CMRL under the guise of IT consultancy services," according to the Central investigation agency, which has arraigned her as the 11th accused in the final complaint filed before the Additional Sessions Court 7, Ernakulam, early this month.

The SFIO reported that "Ms. Veena was appointed by CMRL as an IT and marketing consultant, receiving a monthly retainer of ₹5 lakh in addition to the monthly payment of ₹3 lakh to Exalogic," her now-defunct firm. The "arrangement positioned her as a significant financial beneficiary, heavily reliant on income from CMRL," according to the complaint.

The SFIO reported that the "investigations revealed a complete lack of evidence supporting any consultancy work by the company Exalogic."

Police try to disperse BJP Yuva Morcha activists, who sought Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan's resignation over the CMRL case. FILE PHOTO

Terming her firm Exalogic Solutions Private Limited as a "one-person company," the SFIO noted that the firm, which was incorporated in the 2014-15 financial year, "showed a negative net worth of ₹66 lakh" as per its returns filed in the 2021-22 fiscal.

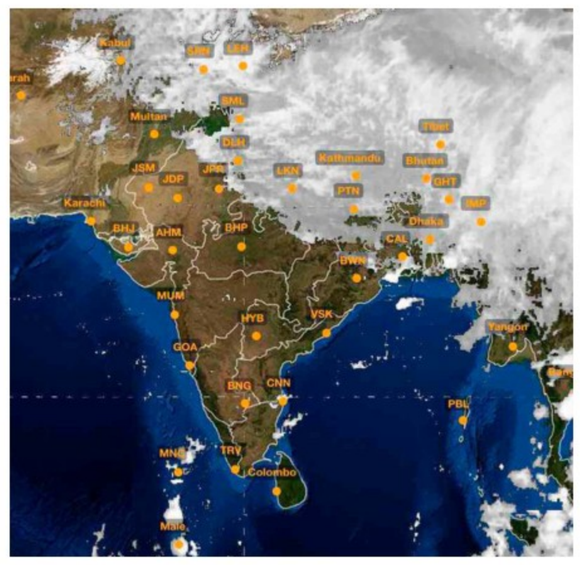
The "main source of income of the company arose from the contract with CMRL, particularly between 2017-18 and 2018-2019" and the "primary product of the company was an IT solution meant for management of schools," the SFIO noted.

It is for the first time that the findings of the SFIO in the case, which has created a political storm in the State and posed an unusual crisis for the ruling CPI(M) and Mr. Vijayan, are being known. Dismissing the Opposition's demand for his resignation following the arraignment of his daughter as an accused in the case, Mr. Vijayan had justified the financial transactions between the two firms as legitimate ones, carried out through bank transfers.

The Kerala High Court had last week stayed all the proceedings in the case for two months on a petition filed by CMRL.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Hot and humid conditions likely at isolated places over Gujarat, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Rayalaseema, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.0	27.6	Kozhikode	—	37.2	28.6
Ahmedabad	—	42.7	24.2	Kurnool	—	42.4	29.0
Aizawl	—	32.8	19.8	Lucknow	—	41.2	23.0
Allahabad	—	42.3	22.5	Madurai	—	38.4	27.2
Bengaluru	—	35.4	23.9	Mangaluru	0.2	34.1	25.0
Bhopal	—	40.6	21.6	Mumbai	—	33.7	24.5
Bhubaneswar	—	37.6	27.8	Mysuru	—	35.0	22.2
Chandigarh	—	38.8	24.4	New Delhi	—	39.6	19.7
Chennai	—	37.2	27.2	Patna	—	41.2	28.4
Coimbatore	—	36.3	25.4	Port Blair	—	31.8	25.6
Dehradun	—	37.2	20.1	Puducherry	—	35.7	27.0
Gangtok	8	23.7	15.6	Pune	—	43.6	26.6
Goa	—	36.0	28.0	Raipur	—	43.2	27.8
Guwahati	0.2	34.0	24.0	Ranchi	—	38.8	23.8
Hubballi	—	38.0	24.0	Shillong	—	24.6	17.0
Hyderabad	—	39.2	27.2	Shimla	—	28.8	18.4
Imphal	—	30.5	21.3	Srinagar	—	24.2	8.8
Jaipur	—	39.8	25.3	Thiruvananthapuram	45	33.0	24.0
Kochi	3	32.6	26.8	Tiruchi	—	39.3	27.6
Kohima	—	23.0	17.4	Vijayawada	—	39.5	26.4
Kolkata	—	40.1	29.4	Visakhapatnam	—	33.8	28.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	—	82	15	152	155	
Bengaluru	—	17	34	142	178	
Chennai	8	15	56	44	55	
Delhi	29	62	20	218	335	
Hyderabad	8	39	40	92	110	
Kolkata	5	17	23	90	90	
Lucknow	11	59	67	225	191	
Mumbai	—	37	32	112	130	
Pune	59	15	115	313	—	
Visakhapatnam	11	160	11	65	136	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Agartala, Tripura recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 332 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 30

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

TDP leader murdered; CM urges public to share clues

The Hindu Bureau
ONGOLE

A 45-year-old TDP leader was brutally murdered in Ongole on Tuesday night, stabbed 53 times by four unidentified armed men.

Muppavarapu Veeraiah Chowdary, a former Mandal Praja Parishad member, was laid to rest on Wednesday evening in Ammanabrolu village of Naguluppalapadu mandal, Prakasam district, where Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu paid homage, putting aside all his programmes to attend the final rites.

CM's assurance

Mr. Naidu vowed to punish the killers. "Already, 12 teams have been deployed to trace the accused, and, if needed, more will be constituted," he said. "The police officers are probing all angles, including political and business," he said.

Sharing a phone number, Mr. Naidu urged the public and media to share any clues about the murderers, assuring them that their identities would be kept confidential. He appealed to the people not to fear criminals or encourage crime.

A.P. SSC exam topper scores a perfect 600

P. Sujatha Varma
VIJAYAWADA

In a remarkable academic feat, Y. Nehanjali, a student of Bhashyam school in Kakinada, has scored 600 out of 600 in the SSC public examinations, earning her the title of topper and drawing admiration from all corners. "I was confident of securing full marks because I had prepared well," said Nehanjali.

Speaking to *The Hindu* on Wednesday, Nehanjali said her method of study helped her achieve 100% marks. "I comprehended the content instead of learning it by heart. This made things easy," she said.

She has plans to pursue Intermediate in the MPC stream, aim for IIT Bombay, and ultimately, crack the Civil Services Examination.

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No: A3/BBP/Aquarium/TA/2024-25 Date: 21-04-2025

RE - TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Director, Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru herein after referred as Tender Inviting Authority, has invited re e-Tender for **Transaction Advisor to Setup an Aquarium at Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru on PPP Framework.** Detailed tender documents may be downloaded from the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from on 21-04-2025 onwards.** Date and Time of Visit to Place of Service: **between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM on working days.** Date of Pre Bid Meeting: **24-04-2025 at 3.00 PM.** Last Date for Tenders may be Submitted along with the prescribed EMD and Tender Fees electronically in e-Portal: **29-04-2025 upto 5.00 PM.** Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **01-05-2025 at 11.30 AM.** Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **To be intimate later.**

Sd/-
Executive Director

DIPR/CP/324/Adverto/2025-26

BRIC - National Brain Research Centre
(An Institute of the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council, Govt. of India)
NH-08, Manesar - 122 052 (Haryana), INDIA

Notification: Cancellation of the Admission to Ph.D. (Neuroscience) programme - 2025

This is to inform all applicants that the earlier application process to NBRC's PhD (Neuroscience) for 2025 programme vide Advertisement dated 29.11.2024 has been cancelled due to administrative reasons. A new advertisement for NBRC PhD programme will be published shortly and will also be updated on the NBRC website.
For detailed information for admission to our PhD programme, please visit our website: http://www.nbrc.ac.in/html/nbrc/index.html
For any other admission-related queries, send email to admissions@nbrc.ac.in

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ವಿಜಯಪುರ
ಬಸವನ ಬಾಗೇವಾಡಿ ರೋಡ, ವಿಜಯಪುರ –586 109 ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08352–276996,
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: bdacommissionerbijapur@gmail.com ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್:www.vijayapura.uda.gov.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ನಪ್ರಾವಿ/ಸಾಳುನಿವಿ/ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ/2025–26/80 ದಿನಾಂಕ:16.04.2025

ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ 27 ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಮೂವತ್ತು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಕುರಿತು

ವಿಜಯಪುರ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ತನ್ನ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ 27 ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಗಳ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1987 ಮತ್ತು ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 1991ರ ರಿತ್ಯಾ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವದು. ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರತಿ ಚ.ಅಡಿಗೆ ರೂ: 450/–ರಂತೆ ನಿಗಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದೆ. ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವವರು ರೂ:7,000/–ರಂತೆ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಫೀ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕು ಆಸಕ್ತ ಸಂಘ/ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗನುಸಾರವಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಂಘ/ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಅಸ್ತಿತ್ವತೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡ ನಂತರವೇ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆ **1 & 2** ನ್ನು ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ವಿಜಯಪುರ. ಬ.ಬಾಗೇವಾಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ವಿಜಯಪುರ. ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.04.2025** ರಿಂದ ಬೆಲೆ ರೂ: **200**/–ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂದಾಯಮಾಡಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ನಮೂನೆ **1 ಹಾಗೂ 2** ಇವುಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗಧಿತ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ಠೇವಣಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:16.05.2025** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ** ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ತಲುಪುವಂತೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕಡೆಯ ದಿನ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಆಕಸ್ಮಿಕ ರಜೆ ದಿನವೆಂದು ಘೋಷಿಸಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನವನ್ನು ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನವೆಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಸಮಯದ ನಂತರ ಕಳುಹಿಸಲಾದ ಅಥವಾ ದೋಷಪೂರಿತ ಹಾಗೂ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳೊಳಗೊಂಡ ವಿವರಗಳುಳ್ಳ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.vijayapur.uda.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು.

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उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार
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संख्याः-109/सू.एवंज.सं.वि. (पी0आर0)-08/2024
लखनऊः दिनांक 22 अप्रैल, 2025
जेम बिड-निरस्तीकरण सूचना

इस कार्यालय के पत्र संख्याः-82/सू.एवंज.सं.वि.(पी0आर0)-08/2024 दिनांक 24.12.2024 द्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की जनकल्याणकारी योजनाओं, उपलब्धियों नीतियों तथा विकास कार्यक्रमों का प्रचार-प्रसार कराये जाने के दृष्टिगत पी0आर0 एजेंसी के चयन हेतु आमंत्रित जेम बिड संख्या-GEM/2024/B/5744729 दिनांक 23.12.2024 की तकनीकी बिड में न्यूनतम 03 फर्मों के अर्ह न पाये जाने के कारण से एतद्वारा निरस्त किया जाता है।

(शिशिर)
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संख्याः-108/सू.एवंज.सं.वि. (सो0मी0)-07/2024
लखनऊः दिनांक 22 अप्रैल, 2025
जेम बिड-निरस्तीकरण सूचना

इस कार्यालय के पत्र संख्याः-80/सू.एवंज.सं.वि.(सो0मी0)-07/2024 दिनांक 24.12.2024 द्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की जनकल्याणकारी योजनाओं, उपलब्धियों नीतियों तथा विकास कार्यक्रमों का प्रचार-प्रसार कराये जाने के दृष्टिगत सोशल मीडिया एजेंसी के चयन हेतु आमंत्रित जेम बिड संख्या-GEM/2024/B/5744093 दिनांक 23.12.2024 को अपरिहार्य कारणों से एतद्वारा निरस्त किया जाता है।

(शिशिर)
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Short-term Tender Notification (Two-cover system) 4th Call (Through KPP portal)

IFT No. 01/2025-26 Date: 21.04.2025

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply under head of account 5054-03-337-0-17-160 SH Renewal in Shivamogga tq Re-Asphalting of Flyover in Hospete - Shivamogga (SH-25) Road Ch. 191.23 to 192.00 Km in Shivamogga city limit (PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT19129/CALL-4) Amount put to tender is. **Rs.79.42 Lakhs** & EMD amount is **Rs. 1.59 lakhs.** Time allowed for completion of work is 06 Months including Monsoon. The tenderers may submit tenders through KPPP- portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz., http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in).** The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section -2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from **21-04-2025 to 28-04-2025** Last date for Receipt of Tender is on **28-04-2025 at 17.00 PM.** The Technical bid will be opened on **29-04-2025 at 05.30 PM** onwards and Financial bid will be opened after **30-04-2025** Onwards. If there any changes in publication, it will be publishing through E-Procurement only. For more information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Special Division, Shivamogga

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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-09/181/2025-26 Date: 23.04.2025

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Civil Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the Work : Construction of balance portion work of proposed Establishment of Mysuru Export Centre, Hebbal Industrial Area. Mysuru District (3rd Call).

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **03.05.2025** upto **4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/331/Zen/2025-26

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice to the Respondent No.2(a)
Vide order dated: 08.04.2025
R.F.A. No. 205/2024

Smt. Khamar ...Appellant
(By Sriyuths: K. Vijaya Kumar adv. for appellant)
V/S
Sri. Nazeer Ahmed & Another ...Respondents
(By Sriyuths: M.D. Raghunath & Skanda Kumar, advs. for R1)
To: Respondent:
Gayasuddin Shariff
Since deceased, Rep. by his Lrs.
2(a) Fayazulla Shariff S/o late Gayasuddin Shariff, Residing at No. 10, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, Wahab Garden, Bangalore-560046.

Appeal from the Judgment and Decree dated: 31.10.2023 passed in OS. No. 16408/2005 on the file of the XIII Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, Mayohall Unit, Bengaluru.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal **on 04.06.2025** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2025.

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Short Term Re-tender notification No: 04/ 2025-26 Dt. 23.04.2025
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department has invited Tender through KPP Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** for the works in the limits of KGF Taluk, Kolar District from the Class-2 and above Registered Contractors under H/A: 8443-Deposit Contribution **Amount put to tender: Rs.367.31 Lakhs EMD Amount: Rs.5.51 Lakhs Period for completion of work: 11 months.**

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Unity and resolve

India must remain firm and focused in the face of terror

The massacre of 26 people, most of them tourists, in Pahalgam, Kashmir, by Islamist terrorists has jolted the conscience of the nation and the world. It is a tragic reminder of the constant threat of terrorism, which strikes without warning at innocent civilians. The mind-numbing reports of the attackers identifying victims by religion before executing them at close range mark a new low in the history of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. Home Minister Amit Shah, who visited the attack site, asserted that "Bharat won't bend to terrorism," while Prime Minister Narendra Modi curtailed his visit to Saudi Arabia to return to New Delhi. India must speak in one voice in this period of national calamity. It is imperative to avoid internal divisions that could threaten social cohesion. The unity of the Indian people is the most potent antidote to terror instigated from across the border. Amid the horror, a local Muslim man tried to shield the tourists but lost his own life in the process. Widespread protests across Kashmir following the incident also signalled a rejection of such violence by ordinary citizens. The victims hailed from all parts of India, reflecting the diversity of those who were drawn to Kashmir as it re-emerged as a favoured tourist destination. The attack has disrupted not just lives, but also livelihoods in a region economically dependent on tourism.

New Delhi's response must address the people of Kashmir, the broader Indian public, Pakistan, and the international community. Since 2019, India has followed a new policy approach in Kashmir, strengthening infrastructure and connectivity to integrate the region more closely with the rest of the country. Yet, the broader global environment has grown more volatile, with internal instability and international conflicts on the rise. India's strategy must be guided by realism grounded in national interest and devoid of empty rhetoric as it seeks to isolate Pakistan, whose export of terrorism is predicated on the two-nation theory and Hindu-Muslim hostility. The national resolve must be firm and focused in the face of terror as the government does everything possible to swiftly bring the perpetrators to justice.

Talking mode

India must be firm in negotiations with the U.S. on trade and tariffs

U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance's first visit to India was marred by the brutal terror attacks in Pahalgam, but his messages of solidarity with India, even as he chose to continue his family vacation at the Taj Mahal, have been appreciated in New Delhi. Visits by American Presidents to India have been rare, other than for ceremonial reasons, and Mr. Vance is the first American Vice-President to travel to India in 12 years, after Joseph Biden visited in 2013. The visit was a "largely private" affair, as Mr. Vance, his wife of Indian-origin Usha Chilukuri Vance, and their three children took in the sights in Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra. The visit provided for a quick review of decisions made during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's trip to the U.S. in February, although the Vance-Modi talks on Monday did not produce substantial outcomes apart from an announcement that the terms of reference for the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) being negotiated in Washington had been finalised. They also provided for a chance to discuss U.S. President Donald Trump's visit to India later this year for the Quad Summit, and plans for Indo-Pacific strategy. It is unclear whether Mr. Modi raised India's concerns over a number of issues with Mr. Vance, including U.S. tariffs and their impact on the global economy, the U.S. crackdown on immigration, as well as the recent revocations of visas issued to hundreds of foreign students, more than half of whom were Indian, according to a survey.

However, at a public address in Jaipur, Mr. Vance responded to some of the criticism of the Trump administration's actions. Rather than seeking to "start a trade war", Mr. Trump hopes to "rebalance global trade", Mr. Vance said, and outlined the BTA as a "final deal" for "fairness". He also raised the need for India to drop "non-tariff barriers" that stop U.S. access to the Indian market – understood to relate mainly to selling agricultural produce and dairy products, a sensitive issue in India. On defence, Mr. Vance said that India was a trusted partner for co-production of U.S. defence hardware, and repeated Mr. Trump's offer of F-35 fighter jets. He criticised previous U.S. governments for cutting back on fossil fuel energy production, and said Mr. Trump's policy of "drill, baby, drill" would be to India's benefit if it increases the purchase of oil and natural gas from the U.S. Finally, he stressed the importance of amending India's nuclear liability law so that U.S. companies would feel comfortable in setting up nuclear power plants in India. Broadly, Mr. Vance's effort during his visit to India was to underline the importance of statements and demands already made by President Trump. New Delhi must consider carefully what it seeks from the U.S. in return, as thus far Mr. Modi and his ministers who have travelled to the U.S. have been in "listening mode", studying the Trump agenda rather than reacting to it – whether it is in the area of geopolitical moves regarding the Russia-Ukraine conflict and Israel's war on Gaza, or those spurring global trade disruptions.

Responding to the terror attack in Pahalgam

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The terrorist attack in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir is not just an act of brutality; it is a calculated political signal, carefully timed and deliberately chosen to inflict not only human casualties, but cause strategic disruption. Coming days after the Kashmir Valley had begun welcoming tourists as part of a fresh season, and while U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance tours India, this is not a random or desperate strike. It seems to be the continuation of a long-standing pattern of cross-border terrorism, directed and sustained by the Pakistani military-intelligence establishment. At a time when Pakistan had faded from India's diplomatic radar and foreign policy imagination, it is back: threatening to disrupt much of what we hold dear.

The attack took place in Baisaran, an alpine meadow which is often described as 'mini Switzerland'. The very setting – a site of picnics, pony rides, and often school excursions – make the images all the more harrowing. Videos of terrified tourists scrambling for safety, and bloodstained trails in a place known for its serenity, have left an indelible mark on public memory. It was not just a strike on innocent tourists; it was a deliberate assault on the idea of Kashmir as a safe and even sacred tourist space.

It also reflects a massive intelligence failure, and a lowering of the security vigil, which is deeply troubling. Pahalgam is a tourist hub; a gateway to the Amarnath shrine. The forces and agencies should have been on their guard. The drones and electronic surveillance infrastructure that India has invested in also seems to have been absent. While the intelligence failure may appear to not have been as colossal as it was in Kargil, it will have as deep a societal impact.

The responsibility for the Pahalgam attack has been claimed by The Resistance Front, a proxy outfit with clear operational links to the Lashkar-e-Taiba – deeply embedded within the network of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). The pattern is now familiar: inflict pain on India, sow uncertainty in Kashmir, and provoke reaction – all while maintaining a thin veneer of deniability. That such operations continue despite decades of global scrutiny reveals the strategic environment in which they thrive. It is one in which Pakistan has too often acted without paying a proportionate cost. That must change.

Crafting a response

If India is to meaningfully alter the calculus in Rawalpindi, it must also develop the institutional memory and policy continuity to respond across political administrations. Terrorism cannot be treated episodically. A long-term approach to deterrence must involve political consensus, sustained intelligence capability, and the diplomatic stamina to persist with pressure even in the absence of major attacks. Strategic patience, not short bursts of retaliatory energy, is what Pakistan's playbook is least equipped to handle.

India's response to the Pahalgam massacre must be rooted not just in outrage, but in strategy. Condemnation is necessary but insufficient. The imperative now is deterrence – not in the abstract, but as policy. Deterrence, in classical strategic theory, is not the threat of punishment alone. It is the imposition of credible, visible, and cumulative costs that alter the behaviour of the adversary over time.

India must embrace a framework of escalatory credibility — not escalation for its own sake, but the ability and willingness to impose pain through diplomatic, economic, and covert means when red lines are crossed

The difficulty, of course, lies in crafting a response that deters without destabilising. But India's continued restraint – save notable exceptions such as responses after the terrorist attacks in Uri and Pulwama – in the face of repeated provocations has often been interpreted in Rawalpindi as hesitation and even weakness. To alter that perception, we must embrace a framework of escalatory credibility – not escalation for its own sake, but the ability and willingness to impose pain through diplomatic, economic, and covert means when red lines are crossed.

This includes sustained efforts to diplomatically isolate Pakistan on platforms where it seeks legitimacy; the careful reconsideration of trade and water-sharing mechanisms that Pakistan depends on; and the expansion of covert and intelligence-based capabilities to disrupt terrorist infrastructure across the Line of Control (LoC). These options are neither reckless nor novel. They are tools of statecraft that have been successfully used by others – including by those who lecture India on proportionality.

Instability in Pakistan

To understand why Pakistan resorts to such acts, we must look at the internal dynamics of the state. Pakistan today is deeply unstable. It is economically paralysed, politically rudderless, and socially fraying. In this context, adventurism in Kashmir becomes a political instrument – a way for the military establishment to reassert authority and deflect domestic discontent.

Unlike his predecessor, the quietly pragmatic General Qamar Javed Bajwa, the current Army Chief, General Asim Munir, known for his aggressive posture and appetite for risk, appears to be reviving the doctrine of 'managed escalation' – a strategy that sees value in carefully calibrated acts of violence under the nuclear threshold. A former ISI chief and deeply embedded within Pakistan's military-intelligence nexus, Mr. Munir has revived a rhetoric that blends ideological grievance with strategic opportunism. His frequent references to Hindu-Muslim relations in Manichean terms and his recent description of Kashmir as Pakistan's "jugular vein" reinforces the 'old' doctrine that sees Kashmir as a perpetual battleground and not as a site for peace. The recent escalation in ceasefire violations across the LOC, in violation of the ceasefire 'agreement' in operation since February 2021, is further evidence of the reckless approach being pursued by him.

This is not without precedent. Each phase of heightened internal unrest or civil-military imbalance in Pakistan has historically coincided with escalatory behaviour towards India – and Kashmir has been the primary theatre. The Kargil conflict in 1999, launched under the leadership of General Pervez Musharraf during Nawaz Sharif's civilian government, remains a stark example of the military's willingness to bypass its own civilian leadership to provoke confrontation. The Parliament attack in 2001, the Mumbai attacks in 2008, the Uri attack in 2016, and the Pulwama suicide bombing in 2019 – all bear the hallmarks of a strategy designed to trigger a response from India while keeping Pakistan's involvement deniable. These incidents were not isolated acts of terrorism; they were episodes in a sustained campaign of asymmetric warfare.

Re-establishing deterrence

This is why deterrence must be re-established. India cannot afford to allow its adversary to believe that it can continue with such attacks without serious consequences. This is not merely a matter of honour or public expectation; it is one of long-term strategic stability.

The choice of targets in Pahalgam is telling. Tourism has become a symbol of tentative recovery in Kashmir. It offers livelihoods to ordinary Kashmiris and represents the reweaving of ties between the Valley and the rest of the country. Attacking tourists, therefore, is not only an act of terror, but an attempt to sabotage the very idea of normalcy. To cut off the Valley from its visitors is to deepen the isolation that terrorist groups rely on.

It is important to say this clearly: the people of Kashmir are not complicit in this violence. On the contrary, they are its first victims. The younger generation in the Valley is looking for opportunity, not militancy. They want better education, better jobs, and a future beyond conflict. The narrative that Kashmiris harbour sympathy for terrorists is both factually wrong and strategically dangerous. It alienates the very population whose inclusion is essential to any durable peace. India's internal response, then, must be as resolute as its external one – but not in the language of repression. Instead, it must be expressed through sustained economic investment, political engagement, and continued efforts at social integration. This is not only the right thing to do, but also the strategically smart thing to do.

The timing of Mr. Vance's visit to India offers a moment of diplomatic opportunity. Washington understands the long shadow that state-sponsored terrorism casts over democracies. India must press for clearer public language from the U.S. and its allies, and for sustained pressure on Pakistan's support networks. Sympathy after attacks is welcome; action before them is what matters more.

There are no easy solutions. But clarity must precede action. The Pahalgam massacre is not simply another tragedy to be absorbed into the long ledger of terror. It is a reminder that ambiguity emboldens the aggressor. The only language that has ever constrained Pakistan's adventurism is the language of credible consequence. This is the time to speak it again.

What beauty pageants tell us about power and priorities

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The 72nd Miss World beauty pageant is scheduled to be held in Hyderabad from May 7 to May 31, 2025. The Telangana government is hosting the event. It aims to promote tourism under the banner of '*Telangana Zaroor Aana* (Come to Telangana definitely)'. The announcement has triggered strong protests from women's organisations across the country – and for valid reasons.

An uneasy alliance

The controversy surrounding beauty pageants is not new. From Bangalore in 1996 to Mumbai in 2024, every edition held in India has invited public resistance. While organisers have tried to rebrand these events as platforms for female empowerment and global recognition, the questions they raise are far more layered and deserving of deep reflection.

At the heart of the critique is the uneasy alliance of capitalism and patriarchy. While the format of the pageant has evolved over time – from swimsuit rounds to question and answer segments to 'beauty with purpose' initiatives – the fundamental act of evaluating women in a competitive format based on physical appearance remains troubling. These are, after all, stylised performances, with bodies and personas trained and tailored for consumption, both by audiences and the marketplace.

Women's groups are defending a broader vision where women are not celebrated for how they look, but for who they are and what they do

Yet, we cannot dismiss the voices of the participants themselves. For many young women, especially from countries such as India where female visibility in public life is still fraught with challenges, participating in a global pageant is aspirational. It brings validation, exposure, and often an entry point into larger opportunities – be it in the media or in public life, or to promote social causes. The fact that India's own winners, such as Aishwarya Rai, Priyanka Chopra, and Manushi Chhillar, have become household names and even global ambassadors for various causes makes beauty pageants seem like empowering launchpads.

However, this duality cannot be ignored: even as pageants present themselves as empowering, they continue to package women's bodies for public consumption and corporate sponsorships. What is termed 'confidence' is often curated conformity. The empowerment here is conditional – contingent upon a very narrow, appearance-centric template of success.

The second and perhaps more critical concern lies with the governments – both State and Central – that actively court such events. Why is a beauty pageant preferred over international forums on women's health, employment, innovation, or rural development? Why are resources being allocated to host an event that primarily enhances visibility in foreign markets, rather than address the urgent developmental needs of local populations? These choices reflect patriarchal mindsets where women's value is still often linked to how they look rather than what they contribute.

This is not to undermine the participants or their ambitions. It is to question the framework in which such ambitions are fostered and rewarded. True empowerment is not about how confidently a woman walks a ramp, but how safely she walks her neighbourhood. Not about global visibility alone, but about everyday dignity, access, and agency.

No binaries

The conversation around events such as Miss World should therefore not be polarised into binaries of 'for' or 'against.' It must become an opportunity to interrogate our collective values – about who gets to represent the country, what messages we amplify to the world, and how we define empowerment in the 21st century.

As women's groups continue to raise their voices, it is not merely in protest of a pageant – but in defence of a broader vision where women are not celebrated for how they look, but for who they are and what they do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Terror in Pahalgam

The attack in Pahalgam appears to be an attempt to disrupt the hard-won peace in Kashmir ("26 killed in J&K terrorist attack," April 23). The people of Kashmir are weary of terrorism, which has claimed the lives of countless innocent civilians, most of them Kashmiris.

Abdul Hakeem
Attapur

The attack exposes the claims of the Central government that there is peace in J&K.

Hema Hari Upadhyay
Ujjain

Our security forces work tirelessly every day. It is unfortunate that the perpetrators were able to penetrate security and unleash terror on the meadows. This tragedy must serve as a wake-up call for us. It is time we brought reforms in the security apparatus of J&K.

Faizaan Bashir
Kashmir

This is a resounding failure of internal security and governance. This is not the time for polarisation but for accountability. How was such an attack possible in a highly sensitive zone? Why did intelligence mechanisms fail? And was there any protection for these innocent pilgrims and travellers? We must not let fear or politics cloud our judgment. As citizens, we have every right to ask tough questions to those in power. The Home Ministry must take full responsibility and ensure a complete review of our security infrastructure.

Muhammed Ashfaq
Malappuram

It is time for all people, irrespective of faith and politics, to stand with the Central and J&K governments in condemning this act and working together to fight terrorism.

J.P. Reddy
Nalgonda

The timing of the attack is significant. Registrations for the Amarnath Yatra had begun and the American Vice-President is touring India right now.

D.V.G. Sankara Rao
Vizianagaram

Such acts of violence are not only inhumane, but also detrimental to the local economy, which largely depends on tourism in Kashmir. The killing of tourists will shake the confidence of other tourists who want to visit Kashmir.

Md Sabir Hussain
Arrah

Criticism of the judiciary

The criticism of the judiciary by leaders and the Vice-President is deeply concerning ("Editorial: Matters that count," April 23). That they affirm institutional independence one day and then criticise unfavourable rulings on another is telling. What we need is mature, responsible leadership characterised by thoughtful action and genuine accountability.

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Trans sceptic arguments are incoherent

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The U.K. Supreme Court has ruled that the Equality Act, 2010, will not treat trans women as women. In doing so, it drastically curtails the rights and protections that trans women can avail under the law. Effectively, the ruling undermines the U.K.'s Gender Recognition Act, 2004.

In January, U.S. President Donald Trump passed an executive order declaring that his government recognises two sexes – male and female. He said that the order "restores sanity."

Trans exclusion

Two days ago, I saw a social media post by a leading member of the U.K.'s oldest South Asian and Black feminist group welcoming the Supreme Court ruling for upholding "common sense" and protecting safe same-sex spaces for "biologically" female women while also, according to her, protecting trans women's rights. The Labour Party too welcomed the verdict, saying that it "clarifies" the issue. Why are people who see themselves as opponents to far-right politics welcoming a ruling that is being celebrated by the far-right internationally as a triumph? Perhaps this is because the campaign for trans exclusion has framed itself as feminist.

J.K. Rowling, who fronted and funded the campaign that resulted in the ruling in the U.K., declares that the verdict will keep women and girls "safe" from trans women. Fear-mongering about women's "safety" (from predatory Muslims, Mexicans, or trans women) and immigration are the most potent ingredients of global far-right discourse today. Muslim men are accused of masquerading as Hindus to seduce Hindu women; trans women are accused of being men masquerading as female to rape women.

Alexandr Dugin, the guru of the global far-right, says LGBTQIA+ rights, like all human rights, are symptoms of *kaliyuga* – i.e., caste/race/gender mixing (*varnasamkara*, miscegenation), pollution, and confusion of natural categories and hierarchies. Trans exclusion today is the last socially acceptable bigotry – and thus the portal through which other bigotries slide back into "common sense."

Billionaires such as Ms. Rowling and Elon Musk have the wealth and power to shape "common sense", policy, and judicial opinion. They have the approval of Mr. Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin. Yet they claim to be victimised by trans women's posts on social media. Seen through the refracting lens of far-right ideology, power arrangements appear inverted. Minorities menace majorities, threatening them with elimination and extinction.

Generally, democratic people recognise that there is no evidence to support the 'Great Replacement; idea: i.e., the far-right claims that whites are being demographically "replaced" by non-whites or (in India), Hindus by Muslims. But the same people are often ready to accept (without a shred of evidence) that women are being replaced by trans women in sports.

Take a closer look at trans sceptical arguments and their appearance of "common sense" begins to come apart, revealing a fundamental incoherence. Ms. Rowling had said she was worried that in a patriarchal society, girls would be tempted to become male. But that doesn't explain why so many would rather be trans women than retain the privilege of passing as "boys" and "men". And it is these trans women who are the most targeted by trans exclusionary campaigners such as Ms. Rowling.

Some of my feminist friends reassure me (and I suspect, themselves) that the U.K. ruling offers equal but separate facilities and protections (such as bathrooms, domestic violence shelters, and sports) for cis and trans women. 'Separate but equal' – have we forgotten that this was the infamous doctrine used to rationalise racial segregation in the U.S., in schools, housing, transport, and yes, bathrooms? Segregating trans women from other women will make public spaces more hostile to all women. It will entitle misogynists to scrutinise the bodies of every woman, denouncing her as a trans imposter if they think she looks butch or gamine or indeed "too feminine to be true."

Imane Khelif was assigned female at birth, but this didn't stop Ms. Rowling from calling her a man. Must all girls and women have to carry certificates proving that from birth till the present their external and internal anatomy, as well as chromosomes and hormones, have passed the gender test? Or will we single out women for such tests whose appearance does not conform with traditional femininity?

Scientific evidence

So many who reject science when it comes to vaccines or climate change declare "science is real" to say trans people are not real. But sexual diversity is as "biological" as neurodiversity. Biology is not anatomy: there is mounting scientific evidence of diversity in hormones, chromosomes, and brain structure, resulting in diverse sexual identities.

The erudite Shashi Tharoor has said the use of "they" as a singular pronoun is ungrammatical. I have news for him. The singular "they" as a gender-neutral pronoun has been around since Chaucer. We don't think it's grammatical heresy to say "Everybody should mind their own business" or "Someone left their purse in the classroom." Feminists were ridiculed when they asked for gender-neutral terms; today, "chairperson" is the norm, not "chairman."

Science, law, language cannot erase trans people, just as they could not erase gay people. One day, the idea of the sex binary as a biological reality, as "common sense", will appear as absurd as the idea that the earth is flat, and as bigoted as the idea that women's wombs made them unfit to study, vote or play sports.

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Cherry-picking from history

The SP wants to build on the Rajput versus Dalit narrative to take on the BJP

STATE OF PLAY

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While the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) keeps questioning Muslim loyalty by cherry-picking episodes from history, Samajwadi Party MP Ramjilal Suman took a leaf out of the BJP playbook when he questioned the patriotism of Rana Sanga. He held the 16th century Rajput ruler of Mewar responsible for inviting the Mughal empire's founder, Babur, to India to end Lodhi rule.

When violence, allegedly orchestrated by the Karni Sena – a self-styled group that espouses the cause of Kshatriyas – erupted outside Mr. Suman's residence in Agra, the SP leadership stressed his Dalit identity, while condemning the attack. Assailing the Yogi Adityanath government, party president Akhilesh Yadav described the violence as an attempt to frighten the PDA, an acronym for *Pichhdas* (backwards), Dalits, and *Alpsankhyaks* (minorities), and termed the Karni Sena as "Yogi Sena".

Earlier, citing a video of the alleged miscreants where they thanked the law and order machinery, Mr. Yadav claimed that the Sena had the blessings of Mr. Adityanath. For context, Mr. Adityanath hails from a Rajput family that falls under the Kshatriya group.

By holding Rana Sanga responsible for Mughal entry into the subcontinent, Mr. Suman sought to take the wind out of the Aurangzeb controversy that erupted after senior party leader Abu Azmi reportedly described the Mughal emperor as "not cruel" during the *Chhaava* wave. Mr. Azmi's family roots are in U.P.'s Azamgarh. Mr. Adityanath responded saying, "Send him to U.P., we will give him treatment."

The way Mr. Yadav has put his weight behind Mr. Suman indicates that he wants to build on the Rajput versus Dalit narrative and consolidate the Dalit-Muslim alliance that worked for the SP during the Lok Sabha polls.

One of the proponents of the party's PDA pitch, Mr. Suman, in a chat with The Hindu, underlined the ideological proximity between Ram Manohar Lohia, the ideological fountainhead of the SP, and B.R. Ambedkar. In October 2024, he came up with a private member's bill to restore the minority status of Aligarh Muslim University. It was seen as a reply to the right-wing ecosystem that claimed to safeguard the interests of Scheduled Castes (SCs), as the concept of SC/Scheduled Tribe reservation did not apply to minority institutions.

Mr. Suman is not alone in building the pro-Dalit narrative for the SP. Indrajit Saroj, a Dalit MLA, said at an event that if temples had power, Mohammad Ghori and Mahmud of Ghazni would not have invaded India. Carrying forward the debate started by former party leader Swami Prasad Maurya, SP spokespersons highlight the alleged caste and gender-based discrimination in ancient texts on TV debates.

The Dalit outreach worked for the party in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Of the 17 reserved Lok Sabha seats for the SCs in U.P., the SP secured seven, and Congress won one. Besides, in a historic first, the party's SC candidate emerged victorious from the general seat of Faizabad (Ayodhya).

Political observers feel that the SP peddled the perceived injustices of the past because, unlike the BJP, which weaves a new episode in its Hindutva narrative every fortnight, the party has not been able to reinvent its PDA pitch after the gains of the Lok Sabha elections. Mr. Adityanath, for instance, made voting for the BJP a matter of life and death by invoking the '*Batenge toh katenge* (divided we perish)' slogan to scuttle the SP's call for 'roti and reservation'.

However, cherry-picking from the past doesn't work for anyone. A 2016 video, where senior SP member Azam Khan is seen describing the statues of Ambedkar as exhorting people to grab land, has resurfaced. "The statue with a raised finger indicates that this land is ours and that land where the finger points at is also ours," Mr. Khan could be heard saying. Political observers say the social behaviour of Muslims towards Dalits has been no different from that of upper caste and Other Backward Classes Hindu groups.

The desecration of Ambedkar statues in the State is reported in newspapers with disconcerting regularity. Observers point out that the SP workers do not take to the streets with as much conviction as Dalit parties because, often, OBC groups indulge in vandalism. The SP has to find a way to create social cohesion between *Pichhdas* and Dalits, to take on polarisation. A Muslim party activist suggested that if the party declared that all its candidates in the Assembly polls would be from PDA, it could outwit the BJP.

Air pollution in India — where does it come from?

A breakdown of the sources of many air pollutants that damage our health and ecosystems

DATA POINT

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Millions of people die prematurely from air pollution every year. Where does this air pollution come from?

Sulphur dioxide (SO2) is the main pollutant that causes acid rain. **Chart 1** shows where Indian SO2 emissions came from in 2022. Energy production was the biggest contributor by far. This is predominantly due to power from coal, which has sulphur impurities that are released when it is burned.

Nitrogen oxides (NO_x) can be acutely toxic, inflaming the lungs. The biggest source is transport: NO_x is emitted from the exhaust of cars and trucks. This is almost matched by the burning of coal and gas for electricity production, shown as 'energy' in **Chart 2.**

Black carbon is the soot that fills our skies and lungs. It is a big problem in lower-income countries where people rely on burning biomass and charcoal for cooking and openly burning waste **(Chart 3)**.

Methane (CH4) is a greenhouse gas, so it is mostly discussed regarding contributions to climate change. Agriculture is the biggest source of methane **(Chart 4)**. The other sector that contributes a lot is waste. Methane is produced when organic material, such as food waste, rots in conditions without much oxygen (a landfill).

Studies show ammonia (NH3) could drive up to 3,85,000 premature deaths from particulate matter. Nearly all human emissions of NH3 come from agriculture **(Chart 5)**.

Non-methane volatile organic compounds can be directly toxic and mix with other gases to form ozone and small particulates. Unlike most other pollutants, solvents such as paints, cleaning products, and chemical plants are also major sources **(Chart 6)**.

Smogged down

Data for the charts were sourced from "Air pollution kills millions every year — where does it come from?" Published online at OurWorldinData

1.05 million deaths in India were caused by household air pollution in 2021

Chart 1: The chart shows sulphur dioxide emissions by sector in India

Energy	7.59 million t
Industry	3.15 million t
Buildings	424,631 t
Shipping*	34,706 t
Transport	33,958 t
Waste	27,309 t
Agriculture	16,853 t
Domestic aviation	4,482 t
Aviation*	2,156 t
Solvents	0 t

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In the charts, 't' corresponds to tonnes. Data for all charts is for 2022

** Shipping and aviation in all charts refer to international shipping and domestic aviation*

Chart 2: Nitrogen oxides emissions by sector in India

Transport	3.42 million t
Energy	3.04 million t
Industry	1.16 million t
Agriculture	876,855 t
Buildings	542,394 t
Waste	313,220 t
Shipping	142,523 t
Domestic aviation	41,022 t
Aviation	27,976 t
Solvents	0 t

They are formed when fuels containing nitrogen (mostly fossil fuels) are burned, causing them to react with oxygen

Chart 3: Black carbon emissions by sector in India

Buildings	442,084 t
Industry	147,277 t
Transport	83,370 t
Energy	83,137 t
Waste	35,502 t
Agriculture	17,773 t
Shipping	497 t
Domestic aviation	149 t
Aviation	82 t
Solvents	0 t

These particles are black because they absorb light, and this absorption of sunlight contributes to climate change

Chart 4: Methane emissions by sector in India

Agriculture	19.95 million t
Waste	7.6 million t
Energy	3.35 million t
Buildings	1.49 million t
Transport	126,599 t
Industry	106,591 t
Shipping	94 t
Solvents	0 t
Aviation	0 t
Domestic aviation	0 t

Methane breaks down to form ozone, a gas that's hazardous to human health

Chart 5: The chart shows ammonia emissions by sector in India

Agriculture	8.44 million t
Waste	1.63 million t
Buildings	190,713 t
Energy	69,305 t
Industry	46,714 t
Transport	13,714 t
Domestic aviation	621 t
Aviation	332 t
Shipping	149 t
Solvents	28 t

When we add nitrogen to crops as synthetic fertilizers or manure, some of this nitrogen is converted into NH3 in the soil

Chart 6: Non-methane volatile organic compound emissions by sector in India

Buildings	3.98 million t
Solvents	2.86 million t
Energy	1.36 million t
Transport	892,580 t
Industry	520,685 t
Waste	423,660 t
Agriculture	314,095 t
Shipping	6,009 t
Aviation	974 t
Domestic aviation	627 t

In addition to switching to low-carbon energy and phasing out gasoline cars, we also need to reduce the use of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in personal care products and solvents

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO APRIL 24, 1975

Full statehood for Sikkim within Union: Lok Sabha passes Bill

New Delhi, April 23: The Lok Sabha to-day passed in a matter of few hours two Constitution Amendment Bills – one granting full Statehood to Sikkim and the other elevating Arunachal Pradesh to the level of other Union territories with a Legislative Assembly and a Council of Ministers.

The Sikkim Bill was adopted with near unanimity by 299 to 11 votes with the marxists opposing the very concept of Sikkim's integration with the Indian Union, while the Arunachal Bill was passed unanimously after a cursory debate.

Though all the parties including the marxists fully supported the decision to abolish the institution of Chogyal, the spokesman of the CPI, Socialist Party, Jan Sangh and the BSP sharply criticised the special powers conferred on the Governor under Article 371 of the Constitution. They felt that this aspect of the Bill was derogatory to the status of Sikkim as a full-fledged State of the Indian Union.

But the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Y.B. Chavan, who moved the Bill for adoption, maintained that these powers, which the Governor would be able to exercise only under the direction of the President for dealing with the "specific situation" in Sikkim, were in no way different from the responsibilities already vested in the Governors of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat for ensuring the equitable social and economic development of different sections of the people of the respective States.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO APRIL 24, 1925

The Vaikom Pact

Ahmedabad, April 23: Mr. Gandhi writes in today's Young India saying that the Travancore Government is giving full effect to the agreement arrived at between the Commissioner of Police and himself. He hopes that before long the prohibition against the use by the Untouchables of the public roads surrounding the temples will be a thing of the past. He points out to the Satyagrahis the absolute need for the scrupulous observance of their part of the compact.

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Indus treaty with Pakistan put on hold

Mr. Misri declared that the CCS "reviewed the overall security situation" after the terror strike in Pahalgam and "directed all forces to maintain high vigil".

"It resolved that the perpetrators of the attack will be brought to justice and their sponsors held to account. As with the recent extradition of Tahawwur Rana, India will be unrelenting in the pursuit of those who have committed acts of terror or conspired to make them possible," the Foreign Secretary said.

Government sources said that Mr. Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh have begun reaching out to leaders of various political parties for the all-party meeting.

The outreach came soon after the CCS met in the Prime Minister's residence at 7 Lok Kalyan Marg.

Choose between post and freedom, says SC

Justice Oka said the top court had released Mr. Senthilbalaji on bail in September 2024 despite a judgment of the court in 2022 plainly detailing how Mr. Senthilbalaji had used his position as Minister to "bring about settlements" with key witnesses in the case.

"Past conduct shows you have interfered with the predicate offences, and now you were appointed Minister within two days of getting bail. Now you have gone back to your former position of power... You were granted bail not on merits but only on the basis of Article 21... What signal are you sending if days after we give you bail you become a Minister?" Justice Oka asked.

The Bench termed Mr. Senthilbalaji's conduct as "dishonest". "You are playing with the process of law. You have made a mockery of the law," Justice Oka said.

'Powerful people misusing liberty'

The judge said the court was bothered by the larger issue of powerful people using Article 21 to get bail only to misuse their liberty.

"We ignored the strong statements made in our judgment [of 2022] on the basis of your submissions then that you were no longer a Minister. We are shocked if this is the outcome of the court taking a view consistent with Article 21," Justice Oka remarked.

Mr. Sibal said there was no chance of any interference with the trial. "Even if he was not a Minister, he could still influence... There are people who are not Ministers, but who can still wield influence," the senior lawyer said.

The senior counsel submitted that no headway had taken place in the trial. The term of the current government in the State ends in 2026.

"There is no witness coming to the box," Mr. Sibal said. "You will ensure that no witness comes to the box," Justice Oka retorted.

When Mr. Sibal suggested the trial be shifted out of the State, Justice Oka said that would not solve the problem. The court finally agreed with Mr. Sibal to schedule the next hearing on Monday at 2 p.m. The senior counsel said a "choice" would be made by then and conveyed to the court. He assured the court that his side would not even present any further arguments in the case.

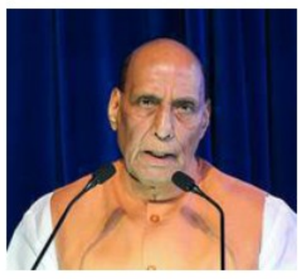
Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, for the Directorate of Enforcement (ED), said this was the fourth time the Minister was taking time to come to a decision. The ED had submitted that Mr. Senthilbalaji could use his office to potentially influence witnesses in the case. A complainant, K. Vidhyakumar, had also mirrored the apprehension. Both the ED and Mr. Vidhyakumar have sought a recall of the bail.

Mr. Senthilbalaji is accused of playing a "central and pivotal role" in receiving kickbacks for jobs in the Metropolitan Transport Corporation of Chennai, and the Tamil Nadu State Corporation during his earlier tenure as Transport Minister.

India will pursue those who planned the attack: Rajnath

Defence Minister's comments on Pahalgam terror incident come amid rumours on social media about possible military responses: he reiterates government's 'zero tolerance policy' against terror

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI



The Union government will take every necessary and appropriate step, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said in strong remarks on Wednesday, a day after 26 tourists were killed in a terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir.

He assured citizens that authorities would pursue not only those who carried out the attack but also those "sitting behind the scenes" who conspired to commit such "nefarious acts" on Indian soil.

His comments came amid growing demands for decisive action and speculation on social media about possible military responses, similar to actions taken in the past.

Zero tolerance

Speaking at the Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial Lecture, the Defence Minister reiterated India's "zero tolerance policy against terrorism". "Every citizen of India is united against this cowardly act... And we will not only reach out to those who have carried out this incident. We will also reach out to those who, sitting behind the scenes, have conspired to commit such nefarious acts on the soil of India," he stated.

> India cannot be intimidated by any such terrorist activities. The people responsible for such acts will get a befitting reply in the near future.
>
> **RAJNATH SINGH**
> Defence Minister

"India is such an old civilisation and such a big country that it cannot be intimidated by any such terrorist activities. The people responsible for such acts will get a befitting reply in the near future," Mr. Singh added.

Referring to cross-border terrorism, Mr. Singh, in an apparent message to Pakistan, said: "History is witness to the withering away of nations not due to the action of the adversary, but due to the result of their own misdeeds. I hope people across the border look at lessons of history more closely."

The Minister stressed that the Union government's focus is on transforming the armed forces, supported by a self-reliant defence ecosystem.

He reiterated the commitment towards establishing the Indian Air Force (IAF) as a dominant regional power, stating that the journey towards 'Aatmanirbharta' (self-reliance) is a shared responsibility. "Commitment, collaboration and unified vision is the need of the hour," the Defence Minister said, adding that India's national security would be further strengthened if the IAF were well-equipped and technologically advanced.

Shifting dynamics

Mr. Singh emphasised that with power dynamics of 21st century shifting to Asia, the Indo-Pacific had emerged as the most strategically important region. He said the Union government was leaving no stone unturned to address complex challenges arising from a fluid international order and technological revolution.

He noted that breakthroughs in technology – including Artificial Intelligence, hypersonic and directed energy weapons, quantum computing, drones, and cyber and space technologies – had introduced unpredictability and lethality into modern warfare, making it even more unconventional and uncertain.

Grounded Dhruv helicopters resume flying in Anantnag

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

After a crash in January, over 300 ALHs were grounded for safety checks. FILE PHOTO

Underscoring the critical shortage of helicopters faced by the armed forces since the grounding of the entire fleet of indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) following a crash in January, these choppers resumed flying in the Anantnag area of Jammu and Kashmir in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack.

The ground commander executing the operation has been given permission by the Union Defence Ministry to use ALHs based on requirement, defence sources said on Wednesday.

A Dhruv ALH-MkIII of the Indian Coast Guard crashed at Porbandar in Gujarat on January 5, killing three personnel onboard, including the two pilots and one air crew diver. Following this, the entire fleet of over 300 ALHs with the three services and Coast Guard were grounded for safety checks, and their flying was yet to resume, significantly hampering operations.

On the situation in Kashmir, defence sources said 125-130 terrorists were estimated to be active, of which almost 115-120 were Pakistani nationals. The intent of the attack appears to have been to disrupt normalcy and peace that has settled in the region since the abrogation of Article 370, one defence source said.

Sources in the know said that the lack of specific intelligence was the biggest lapse. They said there were no security personnel in around 10 locations near the incident, and there was a lack of electronic surveillance in tourist areas.

SC says terror attack is a 'cowardly act of terrorism'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Full Court of the Supreme Court on Wednesday unanimously adopted a resolution expressing its deep anguish and condemning the cowardly terrorist attack on tourists at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22.

"This diabolical act of mindless violence has shaken the conscience of all and is a stark reminder of the brutality and inhumanity that terrorism unleashes," the Full Court resolution said.

The court paid its tribute to the "innocent lives snuffed out brutally and prematurely while also expressing its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families". "May the departed souls rest in peace and may those who were injured recover soon," it said.

A two-minute silence was observed by judges, lawyers, members of the staff in the court complex to express solidarity with the victims.

Amit Shah meets victims' families, says 'Bharat will not bend to terror'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Home Minister Amit Shah, who rushed to Srinagar on Tuesday, met the families of the Pahalgam terror attack victims at the police headquarters on Wednesday.

"With a heavy heart, paid last respects to the deceased of the Pahalgam terror attack. Bharat will not bend to terror. The culprits of this dastardly terror attack will not be spared," Mr. Shah said in a post on X.

He later visited Baisaran, the scene of the terror attack in Pahalgam and took a detailed briefing about the incident from officers, the Ministry said. This was followed by a visit to the hospital in Anantnag where the injured victims are admitted for treatment.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday held a meeting with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar at the Delhi airport on his arrival from Saudi Arabia to take stock of the situation following the terror attack.

Offering condolences: Union Home Minister Amit Shah meets survivors and the family members of those killed in the terror attack in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Wednesday. IMRAN NISSAR

The J&K government has announced ex-gratia of ₹10 lakh each for the families of the deceased

The bodies of the 26 victims were brought to the Government Medical College (GMC) in Srinagar early on Wednesday and then taken to the Police Control Room where Mr. Shah laid wreaths on them.

Mr. Shah was briefed by security officials on the sequence of events and the possible routes the terrorists took to reach the popular tourist spot, which is surrounded by thick pine forests. The Jammu and Kashmir government has announced an ex-gratia of ₹10 lakh each for the families of the deceased, ₹2 lakh for those seriously injured and ₹1 lakh for those with minor injuries.

A National Investigation Agency (NIA) team headed by an Inspector-General will provide assistance to the local police probing Tuesday's dastardly terrorist attack, sources said.

Many Kashmir newspapers on Wednesday printed their front pages black to protest the terror attack.

(With PTI inputs)

Hotels asked to forgo cancellation fees for J&K

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

As reports poured in of widespread cancellations of scheduled trips to Jammu and Kashmir following the Pahalgam attack, the Union Tourism Ministry on Wednesday asked travel and tour operators, online travel aggregators, hoteliers, and other stakeholders to provide all possible assistance to tourists, including waiving off cancellation fees.

Sources in the Indian Association for Tour Operators (IATO) said that till Wednesday afternoon 35% bookings of scheduled trips to J&K had been cancelled.

Earlier in the day, Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said his Ministry will do the best to "minimise" the dent on tourism in Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of the attack.

A total of 26 tourists were killed in a terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22.

Pak. leaders to meet today to formulate response

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif on Wednesday night said that the top civilian and military leadership will meet on Thursday to formulate an appropriate response to India's move to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty and downgrade diplomatic ties.

"A session of the National Security Committee will be held under the chair of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif," Mr. Asif said.

He added that decisions will be taken to give "an appropriate response to the Indian steps".

All services chiefs and key Cabinet Ministers would attend the meeting.

Cong. leadership ready to back govt. with any action; Kharge, Rahul speak to Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Karnataka PCC chief D.K. Shivakumar (right) at a press meet in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

Making an assertion about shunning partisan politics over Tuesday's terror attack on tourists in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, top Congress leaders including party president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi spoke with Home Minister Amit Shah.

Mr. Kharge, addressing the media on Wednesday, called the terror strike an attack on the Indian State and informed that the Congress Working Committee (CWC) will meet on Thursday morning to adopt a special resolution. Mr. Gandhi has cut short his U.S. visit and will be attending in person the CWC meeting in New Delhi tomorrow at 10.30 a.m., Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X.

The party's political messaging has been to convey that it would back any action by the Narendra Modi government against the terror outfit responsible for the killings as well as against those "who masterminded the attacks".

"This is not a time for partisan politics. It is a moment for collective resolve to ensure justice for those who lost their lives and for their grieving families, by bringing the perpetrators of this terror attack to justice," Mr. Kharge said.

The Congress also cancelled its scheduled press conferences against the Modi government over the *National Herald* case.

"The families of victims deserve justice and our fullest support," Mr. Gandhi said in a post on X.

Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, who was in Srinagar to chair a meeting of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), paid homage to the slain tourists at the PCR Hospital in Srinagar.

"The air was heavy with grief – families torn apart, innocent lives cut short, dreams extinguished before they could bloom. Standing there, amidst the pain and silence, one couldn't help but feel the cruelty of terror and the unbearable weight it imposes on humanity. We must stand united, not only in mourning but also in our unflinching resolve against violence, against terror," Mr. Venugopal said in a social media post.

Infiltration bid foiled along LoC in J&K; two killed

Press Trust of India
SRINIGAR

Two terrorists were killed on Wednesday as an infiltration attempt was foiled by security forces along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said.

The infiltration bid came less than 24 hours after a deadly terror attack at Pahalgam.

"At approximately 0100 hrs, alert troops deployed along the LoC detected suspicious movement of unidentified persons attempting to infiltrate into Indian territory. The infiltrators were challenged and engaged, resulting in a heavy exchange of fire," the Army said.

Shah too involved in 'poll management': Trinamool Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Trinamool Congress lambasted the Union government and held Home Minister Amit Shah "directly responsible" for the alleged security failure in the wake of the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, accusing him of being too involved in "election management" and not caring about real issues.

The party questioned the government's earlier claims of "normalcy" in Jammu and Kashmir. Its strident stand comes in contrast to the Congress, which has taken a measured stance with party president Mallikarjun Kharge promising that they will cooperate with the government. The Trinamool government in West Bengal has been on the receiving end for the last several days over the riots in Murshidabad.

Calling the Pahalgam incident both "unfortunate and horrifying", party national general secretary and Lok Sabha member Abhishek Banerjee said the incident must serve as a clarion call for the Union government.

Trinamool MP Mahua Moitra said the government must stop this "all is well" narrative for Jammu and Kashmir.

The party's Deputy Leader in Rajya Sabha Sagarika Ghose slammed the "red carpet" welcome extended for Mr. Shah in the Union Territory.

When terror struck

Six of the 26 people killed in Pahalgam on Tuesday hailed from Maharashtra. An Air Force corporal and a Navy lieutenant were among the deceased

PEOPLE KILLED IN THE PAHALGAM ATTACK

- Sushil Nathaniel, *Indore*
- Syed Adil Hussain Shah, *Pahalgam*
- Hemant Joshi, *Mumbai*
- Lt. Vinay Narwal, *Karnal*
- Atul Mone, *Mumbai*
- Neeraj Udhwani, *Jaipur*
- Bitan Adhikari, *Kolkata*
- Sudeep Neupane, *Nepal*
- Shubham Dwivedi, *Kanpur*
- Prashant Satpathy, *Odisha*
- Manish Ranjan, *Purulia (West Bengal)*
- Ramachandran, *Kochi*
- Sanjay Lele, *Mumbai*
- Dinesh Mirania, *Raipur*
- Sameer Guha, *Kolkata*
- Dilip Disle, *Mumbai*
- J.S. Chandramouli, *Visakhapatnam*
- S. Madhusudhan Rao, *Bengaluru*
- Santosh Eknath Jagdale, *Pune*
- Manjunath Rao *Shivamogga (Karnataka)*
- Kaustubh Ganavate, *Pune*
- Bharath Bhushan, *Bengaluru*
- Smit Parmar, *Bhavnagar (Gujarat)*
- Yatish Parmar, *Bhavnagar (Gujarat)*
- Corporal Tage Hailyang, *Ziro (Arunachal Pradesh)*
- Shailesh Kalathiya, *Surat*

> We urge the government to use all its strength to hunt down the terrorists. The government must do everything possible to maintain tourists' confidence in the security arrangement of Jammu and Kashmir
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> **MALLIKARJUN KHARGE**
> Congress chief

United in grief: People stage a protest on the banks of the Jhelum river in Srinagar on Wednesday. IMRAN NISSAR

Two Kashmiris suspected to be among Pahalgam attackers

The J&K police have released the sketches of three Pakistanis suspected to have carried out the attack on tourists; govt. had intelligence inputs about militant movement, says source; attackers used helmet cameras to shoot video footage

Vijaita Singh
Peerzada Ashiq
NEW DELHI/PAHALGAM

In pursuit

Operation is on to track the militants who fled into the Baisaran forest ranges in Pahalgam after the attack

Sketches released by the J&K Police of three men suspected to be involved in Tuesday's attack. PTI

1. More than 1,000 tourists were present in the area at the time of attack
2. No security camp at the site as tourists are not usually targeted in the Valley
3. Attackers mingled with tourists and engaged them in short conversations, say eyewitnesses
4. Security personnel took an hour to reach the site of attack which had no road access
5. Hundreds of former overground workers and ex-militants are being questioned in Kashmir

Two Kashmiri men are suspected to have been among the group of six or seven armed terrorists who killed tourists at the Pahalgam meadow in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday afternoon, a government source told *The Hindu*.

The attackers, who killed 26 people, targeted male tourists, with the victims being singled out based on their religion.

The two Kashmiri militants were identified as Adil Guri of Anantnag and Ahsan from Pulwama district in south Kashmir. Both went to Pakistan in 2018. "The two infiltrated recently with three or four other Pakistani men. We had certain inputs about their movement," the government source said.

Local politicians alleged a "security lapse", asking why no police had been posted at the popular trekking destination of Baisaran meadows despite the intelligence inputs.

Eyewitnesses told the police that some of the terrorists were dressed in camouflage uniforms while others were in black attire. They were armed with AK series rifles.

"The terrorists, said to be six or seven in number, bunched people in groups of eight to 10 at different locations, asked the men their names and religion and then shot them point blank in front of women and children. They took their time to kill the tourists," the source said. Eyewitnesses said the attackers mingled with tourists and engaged them in short conversations. They selectively killed men and spared women.

Another official said that the terrorists were wearing helmet-mounted cameras using which they shot video of the attack.

The location of the attack was chosen as it lacks road connectivity and can only be accessed on foot or pony, the official said. After the attack, the terrorists fled into the upper reaches of the Baisaran forest range, which connects with a number of smaller valleys up to the Warwan valley in Kishtwar district. Security forces used choppers and special commandos to track the militants on Wednesday.

The J&K police have released the sketches of three Pakistanis suspected to have carried out the attack. A photograph of four armed men, who resembled those in the sketches, was also released by security agencies on Wednesday.

The official said that the photograph had been recovered from a handset found at an encounter site in Poonch a few months ago.

"It is suspected that three of the four men in the photograph were involved in Tuesday's attack," the official said.

The police announced on X a bounty of ₹20 lakh for information leading to the neutralisation of terrorists involved in the attack. The identity of the informer shall be kept a secret, the police added.

Hundreds of former overground workers and ex-militants were being questioned in Kashmir after the attack.

The Resistance Front, considered an off-shoot of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, had claimed responsibility for the attack online. The veracity of the online claim was not confirmed by the security agencies.

Security lapse

Pahalgam, which houses the Amarnath shrine, is a high-security town. Though the Baisaran meadows where the attack took place is a popular trekking destination that lies only five kilometres from Pahalgam town, it is not accessible by road.

Kashmiri politicians questioned the poor security arrangements at the location, which attracts hundreds of tourists on a daily basis. Meanwhile, all Kashmiri Pandit employees engaged under the Prime Minister's package and serving in Baramulla have been advised to work from home up to April 27 as a precautionary measure.

(With PTI inputs)

Cometh the hour, cometh the hero: pony operator dies trying to save tourists

Peerzada Ashiq
PAHALGAM

Heartbreaking incident: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah consoles the father of Adil Hussain Shah, who was killed in the attack. PTI

Hundreds of local men and women, including the Chief Minister, joined the funeral of Syed Adil Hussain Shah

Hundreds of local men and women on Wednesday joined the last rites of Syed Adil Hussain Shah from the Hathe Patnar area in Anantnag. The 28-year-old pony ride operator was remembered for his heroic attempt to ward off the attack on tourists at Baisaran in Pahalgam.

The two-storey brick-and-mud house of the deceased was swarmed by mourners all day. One of his relatives said he was killed while defending others. "My nephew laid down his life in a bid to save others," Shah's uncle said. Mourners condemned the attack on tourists in peaceful Pahalgam, which last saw a terror attack on pilgrims in 2000.

Shah worked as a pony ride operator and earned his livelihood by ferrying tourists for around five kilometres from the Pahalgam base to the Baisaran meadow, also known as "Mini Switzerland". "He was a labourer by profession. He left early Tuesday morning to ferry tourists and took a tiffin box along. We never thought his body would return in the evening," Shah's mother said.

According to local pony ride operators, one of the attackers came close to the victim, as Shah "made a bid to stop him from firing at tourists".

Shah was fired upon after he made a bid to stop them from opening fire, they said.

'Was the breadwinner'

The victim's father, Haider Shah, said his son was the main breadwinner of the family. Shah is survived by his wife, two brothers and two sisters.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, accompanied by local MLA Altaf Kaloo, also attended the funeral prayers of Shah.

"Many suggested that the victim tried to stop them and take the gun away from a terrorist. And he was targeted. We will try to help the family. Our government stands with the family," Mr. Abdullah said.

"He (Shah) was killed while courageously fighting against them," he added. Shah is the only local resident who died in the Pahalgam terror attack.

Tragic loss: Lt. Vinay Narwal's wife breaks down while paying tributes to her husband at the New Delhi airport on Wednesday. PTI

Young naval officer plucked away from honeymoon trip

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, who was killed in the Pahalgam terrorist attack on Tuesday, was on a honeymoon trip with his wife, Himanshi, when the tragedy struck them. The couple had tied the knot just six days ago.

Jammu and Kashmir was not on the couple's list of favoured destinations for the post-wedding vacation. The duo had planned to fly to Switzerland, but destiny had other plans for them and they decided to go to Pahalgam instead after their visa application was rejected. "Getting leave sanctioned for the Switzerland trip was not a big deal. But they had to alter their plans due to refusal of visas," said Vinay's grandfather Hawa Singh.

The couple left their Karnal Sector 7 home on April 21, two days after the wedding reception party, to take the flight to Jammu and Kashmir from Delhi. They were having snacks when the terrorists descended on the picturesque Baisaran Valley, also known as "mini Switzerland", and shot him dead.

In one of the viral videos in the aftermath of the attack, Ms. Himanshi could be heard telling local people that a man had shot her husband. "I was eating *bhelpuri,* and my husband was standing by my side. A man came and shot him. The man said he [Vinay] was not a Muslim and shot him," she said in the video, recounting the horror.

'Wanted to serve India'

Vinay did his initial schooling from Karnal before shifting to Delhi for higher education. He was always fascinated by the armed forces, and wanted to serve his country, as per his relatives. The 26-year-old officer joined the Navy three years ago and was promoted over a year back.

The Navy posted a message on 'X', extending "heartfelt condolences to his family during this moment of unimaginable grief" on behalf of Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, and all personnel of the Navy.

Pahalgam wears look of ghost town as guests flee; Kashmir Valley observes a shutdown

Peerzada Ashiq
PAHALGAM

Pahalgam, a favourite among honeymooners and leisure travellers, wore a ghost town's look on Wednesday. Over 90% of around 20,000 hotel rooms went empty in just 24 hours of the Baisaran attack that left 26 civilians, mostly tourists, dead.

Till Tuesday morning, most hotels had been running full and queries kept local tour operators busy all day. "We are now getting calls for cancellations. We try to convince prospective guests to wait a while. Most insist on immediate cancellations though," Javed Burza, president of the Pahalgam Hotels and Owners Association, told *The Hindu*.

Deserted look: Tourists leaving hotels on Wednesday morning, a day after the terrorist attack in Pahalgam. IMRAN NISSAR

The Kashmir Valley observed a complete shutdown on Wednesday as local people and politicians marched on the streets in protest against the killings of 26 civilians in the Pahalgam attack a day ago.

J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a security review meeting.

J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who chaired a Cabinet meeting at his residence, has called for an all-party meeting on Thursday, to discuss the current security situation.

All markets, educational institutes and offices remained shut in Kashmir. Street protests were also held in Jammu region. Candlelight marches were held in parts of the Kashmir Valley where protesters sought action against the attackers.

Several trade bodies held a sit-in at Lal Chowk. Senior leaders from both the ruling National Conference (NC) and Opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) joined the protesters and jointly condemned the attack on tourists.

The economy of Pahalgam, which has no other industry, depends on tourism.

"Very few tourists stayed back in Pahalgam after the attack. Most hotels are empty now. Out of 58 rooms, only four are occupied at my hotel. They too are leaving tomorrow," Mr. Burza, who owns Hotel Mount View, said. "Tourism season for Kashmir is done and dusted," he added.

"The Pahalgam attack has a catastrophic impact on Kashmir tourism. The attack is inhuman and highly condemnable," Mr. Burza said.

Most of the eateries in Pahalgam remained shut on Wednesday, in the wake of shutdown calls issued by several bodies of taxi owners, hoteliers and pony operators. Protesters raised slogans against the attackers during the street protests.

"Tourists are the lifeline of Pahalgam. The image of Pahalgam of being a peaceful place is shattered," a taxi driver said.

Debashish Bhattacharjee

Reciting a Muslim chant saved Assam professor

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Reciting a Muslim chant during Tuesday's terrorist attack helped an Assam University professor and his family escape to safety.

Debashish Bhattacharjee, who heads the university's Bengali Department, had planned to visit Kashmir for many years.

He was clicking photographs when he heard a gunshot. "As we ran and hid behind a tree, a man ran toward us and froze in fear inches from me. Another man, with his face covered, appeared behind him and shot him," he said.

"Some people around me were chanting '*La ilaha illallah*' as the gunman checked us out. I began muttering the line when the gunman pressed the barrel on my head," he said. "The gunman demanded to hear what I was muttering aloud. Trembling, I raised my voice, and he left seconds later," he said. His family and a few others trekked uphill and managed to escape.

"A woman in a village on the way guided and helped us by contacting some transporters to take us to Srinagar," he said.

Airlines told to provide more flights, curb fare surge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu on Wednesday said that he was monitoring flight connectivity for Srinagar to ensure the safe return of stranded tourists. They have also been instructed to avoid fare surges, he said.

Seven flights were added on Wednesday. All airlines have also announced a waiver on cancellation and rescheduling fees.

Terrorists asked name and religion of male tourists, shot them, says survivor

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A day after the Pahalgam attack, Paras Jain (40), a resident of Maharashtra who escaped the attack, said that terrorists dressed in camouflage uniforms targeted tourists from four corners of the vast meadow at Bairawan.

Mr. Jain, who arrived in Srinagar on April 19 with his family and friends, told *The Hindu* over the phone from Pahalgam that he had seen one of the terrorists from a distance, and the firing continued for 25-30 minutes. "He was young, must be below 35, [a] man with a gun in his hand," Mr. Jain said.

He added that there were no security personnel around at the time of the attack, and an Army camp was located downhill. "When we heard the gunshots, a local told us that the sound could be of firecrackers to scare away monkeys. It was moments later – when we heard people screaming – that we realised what it was," Mr. Jain said. His wife, Nikita, suffered a leg injury while trying to run away from the site.

'Locals helped us'

Mr. Jain said that the local people had helped them, and that they should not be blamed for the attack.

"The terrorists asked the name and religion of the male tourists and shot them point blank. They were just shooting people. How could they carry guns to this place without being checked? I am not questioning the capability of the Army but one camp should have been here; the Army knows better though. They came after the damage was done," he said.

"All of us are in trauma. Whenever the scene comes before my eyes, I am unable to bear it," Mr. Jain recalled.

He said the meadow could only be approached by foot or on a pony, and "around a thousand people tried to run away through the narrow path and gates". In the melee, some twisted their ankles or fractured their legs.

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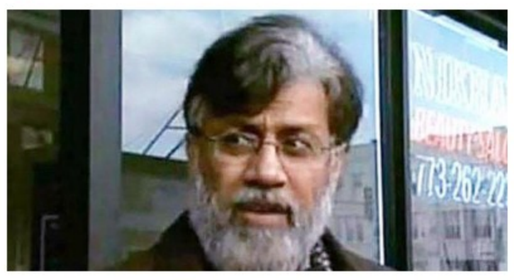


Delhi court reserves order on Tahawwur Rana's petition

A Delhi court on Wednesday reserved its order on a plea filed by Mumbai terror attacks accused Tahawwur Hussain Rana, who requested to speak to his kin. Stating that the interrogation with the accused is at a crucial stage, the National Investigation Agency submitted that he may share crucial information, if allowed to speak to family. Special Judge Chander Jit Singh of the Patiala House Court may pronounce the order on Thursday. The 64-year-old Pakistani-origin Canadian-American, wanted for the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks conspiracy, had moved an application, claiming that being a foreign national, it was his right to talk to his family.

Two-day training by EC of booth-level officers in Bihar

The Election Commission on Wednesday began a two-day training and capacity-building programme for booth-level officers from Bihar, where the Assembly election is scheduled to be held later this year. This is the third such batch of BLOs to be trained from Bihar. The group includes 229 BLOs, 12 electoral registration officers and two district electoral officers from the State. A specialised one-day training programme for the State Police Nodal Officer and Police Officers from Bihar was also held alongside, an official statement said. The training programme was inaugurated by Chief Election Commissioner of India Gyanesh Kumar.

Kuki houses set ablaze in Manipur's Kamjong

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Unknown miscreants on Wednesday set fire to several houses in two Kuki villages of Manipur's Naga-dominated Kamjong, a district bordering Myanmar, prompting the authorities to impose prohibitory orders.

Most villagers were away tilling their fields when the miscreants attacked Gampal and Haiyang villages in the morning.

Kamjong District Magistrate Rangnamei Rang Peter said restrictions under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita were imposed as such disturbances could lead to serious breaches of peace, endanger public tranquillity, and pose risks to human lives and property.

The order, applicable in and around the two villages in the district's Sahamphung Subdivision, prohibited the movement of any person outside their residences and any other act or activity that could disturb the law and order in the area.

Several Kuki-Zo bodies condemned the incident and demanded immediate rebuilding of the two villages.

J.D. Vance visits Taj Mahal with his family amid tight security

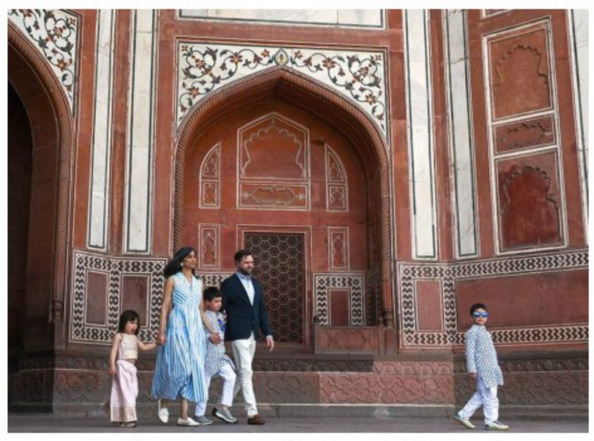
Elaborate arrangements were made to accord a warm welcome to the U.S. Vice-President, who described the Taj Mahal as a testament to true love

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

United States Vice-President J.D. Vance on Wednesday visited the Taj Mahal in Agra along with his wife, Usha, and their three children. "The Taj Mahal is amazing. A testament to true love, human ingenuity and a tribute to the great country of India," Mr. Vance wrote in the visitor's diary after taking a tour of the iconic monument.

Mr. Vance, accompanied by his family, arrived in Agra on Wednesday morning amid tight security. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath accorded a warm and ceremonial welcome to the American Vice-President at the Agra Air Force Station.

"As Vice-President Vance's special aircraft touched down at 9.15 a.m., Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath extended a heartfelt welcome, presenting a bouquet of flowers and greeting Vance and his family with traditional Indian hospitality," a statement by the U.P. government said.



U.S. Vice President J.D. Vance, wife Usha and children at the Taj Mahal on Wednesday. AP

Mr. Vance proceeded directly to visit the Taj Mahal. As the motorcade made its way through the city, schoolchildren lined the streets, waving flags of India and the United States. In Agra, the roads were lined with the national flags of India and the U.S., along with colourful *rangoli* patterns, intricate sand art, and eye-catching decorations at key roundabouts creating a festive atmosphere. Large hoardings and 'welcome' banners added to the visual grandeur.

The administration made elaborate security arrangements, with the 12 km stretch from the airport to the Taj Mahal via Shilpgram under heavy security cover. American security agencies have been stationed in Agra for three days prior the Vances' visit, and the entire route declared a zero-traffic zone while Mr. Vance's convoy made its way.

India, Saudi agree to enhance stability of global oil markets

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Both sides stressed on cooperation in technology, including in emerging domains such as artificial intelligence

India has agreed to work with Saudi Arabia to enhance the stability of global oil markets and to balance global energy market dynamics, according to a joint statement issued on Wednesday.

The statement came after the conclusion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia which was cut short following the terror attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam, where terrorists killed 26 people, mostly tourists.

"The Indian side agreed to work with the kingdom to enhance the stability of global oil markets and to balance global energy market dynamics. They emphasised the need to ensure security of supply for all energy sources in global markets. They agreed on the importance of enhancing cooperation in several areas in the energy sector, including the supply of crude oil and its derivatives," the joint statement said.

"The two sides also acknowledged the need to work on developing supply chains and projects linked to the energy sector, enabling cooperation between companies, enhancing cooperation in the field of energy efficiency and rationalising energy consumption in the buildings, industry, and transportation sectors, and raising awareness of its importance," the statement said.

On climate change, both sides reaffirmed the importance of adhering to the principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement and the need to develop and implement climate agreements with a focus on emissions.

Both sides underscored the importance of cooperation in technology including in emerging domains such as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity.

They also expressed satisfaction on signing of the MoU between the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India and Communications, Space and Technology Commission of Saudi Arabia for cooperation in regulatory and digital sectors, a statement said.

Manipur body to observe 'Separation Day' on May 3

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A tribal organisation catering to Kuki-Zo aspirations has called for observing May 3 as 'Separation Day' to mark "two years of total separation from the Meitei community" in Manipur.

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) said the solemn day would be observed at the Wall of Remembrance for the Kuki-Zo people killed in the ethnic conflict that broke out on May 3, 2023. It said the wall in Churachandpur district's Tuibuong stands as a symbol of collective grief, resilience, and unity.

"The event will be a day of reflection and remembrance for the victims of the ethnic conflict that has deeply impacted the Kuki-Zo communities," the ITLF said in a statement on Wednesday.

Pune, Kolkata film institutes are now deemed-to-be universities

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Education Ministry on Tuesday notified the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune, and the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI), Kolkata, as Institutions deemed to be universities.

In a statement released on Wednesday, the Ministry said this would enable both institutions to launch doctoral, research, and innovative academic programmes.

The status was granted following the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC), under Section 3 of the UGC Act. This will allow both institutes to participate in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings and integrate with the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC).

FTII had applied to the UGC seeking 'Institution Deemed to be University status' under the 'Distinct Category'. FILE PHOTO

"Aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy, 2020, this landmark decision paves the way for greater autonomy, innovation, and academic excellence in film and media education," the statement added.

Both institutes had applied to the UGC seeking 'Institution Deemed to be University status' under the 'Distinct Category'. After examining the applications, UGC expert panels recommended that a Letter of Intent be issued to FTII and SRFTI.

According to the notification, "The Ministry of Education, on the advice of UGC, issued Letter of Intent (LoI) to the FTII Society for fulfilment of certain conditions within a period of three years before declaration of Film and Television Institute of India, Pune as an Institution deemed to be University."

In January, the FTII submitted its compliance report on the LoI conditions, and it was sent to the UGC for verification and advice. The notification further stated, "The Expert Committee accepted the compliance report of the Institution. The recommendation of UGC Expert Committee was considered and approved by the Commission in its 588th meeting held on March 13, 2025." A similar process was followed for SRFTI. Both institutions will be required to adhere to conditions such as remaining within the top 200 of the NIRF rankings for at least three years and achieving an accreditation score of at least 3.01.

Ministry introduces new competency-based curricula for 10 healthcare professions

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Health Secretary says that India is skilling its healthcare professionals not just for the country, but for the globe

The Union Health Ministry on Wednesday launched new competency-based curricula for 10 allied healthcare professions in collaboration with the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP).

The curricula will cover a broad spectrum of professions, such as physiotherapy; applied psychology and behavioural health; optometry; nutrition and dietetics; dialysis therapy technology and dialysis therapy; radiotherapy technology; medical radiology and imaging technology; anaesthesia and operation theatre technology; health information management; and physician associates.

Aimed at bringing uniformity to training of allied healthcare professionals across the country, the new curricula is designed to produce globally competent professionals to address the increasing prevalence of diseases and the growing demand for allied services.

Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava said that the comprehensive revision and standardisation of the curricula represent a pivotal step toward establishing consistency in educational content and delivery. "India is skilling its healthcare professionals not just for India, but for the globe. The curricula launched today will set a benchmark for the quality of healthcare professionals across various faculties. These professions play a crucial role in preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative healthcare. This initiative is expected to significantly enhance the effectiveness of skill-based training, better align educational outcomes with industry needs, and promote greater career mobility and professional recognition for allied health professionals nationwide," she said.

The Ministry has also emphasised the importance of establishing robust regulatory mechanisms and investing in capacity building to ensure the effective implementation of the new curricula.

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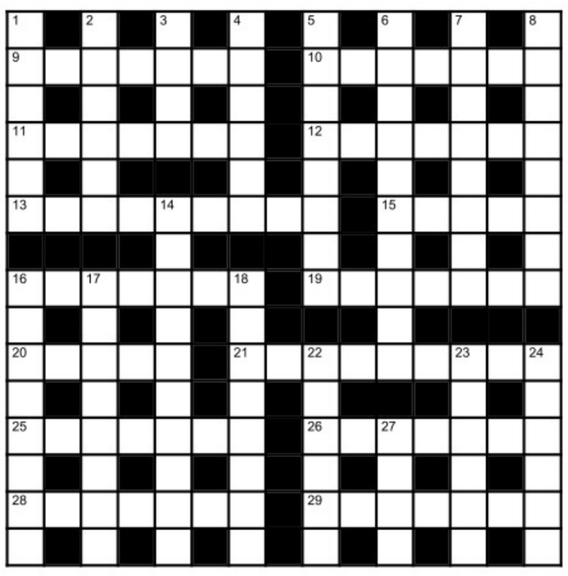

Across

9 One US state holds grain with selfishness (7)
10 Expert trainer primarily worried about salt (7)
11 Apparent papers will be collected in tournament (7)
12 Option to buy one dessert (4-3)
13 Bug eaters to chew the vegetable (5,4)
15 Siemens, solicitor is fat (5)
16 Big warship to park at the front of boarding point (3,4)
19 Company to insist head should be removed from school (7)
20 Disorder at tea shop regularly to refund (5)
21 Spells of bad weather land cops in trouble at Sweden (4,5)
25 Think again about individual help (7)
26 Auditor's quiet, that is nervy essentially for the bank employee (7)
28 Reportedly boy got breads at dawn (7)
29 Sat uncomfortably with anger, fixed in a place (7)

Down

1 Concern on ship for stroke (6)
2 Wickerwork displayed by American in Germany (6)
3 Mountain of wealth (4)
4 Instead of dollars, use krone to pay for container (6)
5 Actor in first cinema takes action on controlled substance (8)
6 Fish is sad, lonesome in house (5,5)
7 Friend, a bud made a poem of recantation
8 Letters distributed to primarily everyone to migrate (8)
14 Roasting device's resistor damaged, one at the end (10)
16 Terrible setback getting king's support (8)
17 Say actor telling a story skipping a year of a fish (8)
18 Choose new reel about fish (8)
22 Oslo customer saves an insect (6)
23 One police department initially investigating clubs is sharp (6)
24 New setter's on the way (6)
27 Vessels are upside down; catch (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Cunning Soorpanakha

Soorpanakha, humiliated by Lakshmana, arrives in Lanka, where Ravana is seated on a golden throne. It is clear that Ravana cannot be defeated by gandharvas, said Navalpakkam Vasudevachariar in a discourse. Nor can he be quelled by noble sages. His body bears scars of his battles with the devas. He has been hit many times by the Indra's vajrayudha, but although scarred, he remains unharmed. He has been attacked many times by Airavata, the elephant that belongs to Indra. His chest bears marks of these attacks. Soorpanakha sees this brother of hers who has ten faces, twenty arms and like Indra has a white umbrella, as befits a king. Ravana is skilled in handling every kind of weapon. He has conquered the world of the nagas, and has abducted the wife of the snake Taksha. He has brought with him the Pushpaka vimana, belonging to Kubera, which moves according to the wishes of the one steering it. He is the one who destroyed the gardens of Kubera and Indra.

Valmiki gives this description of Ravana and then goes on to describe Soorpanakha approaching him. She abuses her brother, and says he indulges in pleasures, and is unaware of what is going on around him. How can he earn the respect of his people, she asks. How can he guard his kingdom, with his overindulgence in pleasures? He is completely ignorant of the dangers that his kingdom faces. She accuses Ravana of not having good spies to advise him, which is why he does not know of what has happened in Janasthana, where 14,000 demons have been killed. Soorpanakha wants to have revenge on Rama and thus tries to provoke Ravana into attacking Him.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,116	0.65
US Dollar	85.45	-0.30
Gold	99,200	-2.36
Brent oil	65.77	-2.63

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2453.60	8.10
Adani Ports	1239.10	5.90
Apollo Hosp	7142.00	53.50
Asian Paints	2453.10	21.10
Axis Bank	1206.90	-9.90
Bajaj Auto	8261.50	120.50
Bajaj Finserv	2100.80	23.80
Bajaj Finance	9323.00	62.50
Bharat Elec	305.85	2.50
Bharti Airtel	1881.60	29.40
Cipla	1533.70	5.50
Coal India	398.95	0.35
Dr Reddys Lab	1186.00	11.00
Eicher Motors	5740.00	-44.00
Eternal Ltd.	239.24	1.77
Grasim Ind	2685.60	-63.80
HCL Tech	1594.00	114.10
HDFC Bank	1923.90	-37.80
HDFC Life	709.10	-3.45
Hero MotoCorp	3940.50	106.90
Hindalco	629.10	9.00
Hind Unilever	2423.80	25.10
ICICI Bank	1424.40	7.90
IndusInd Bank	794.20	6.70
Infosys	1474.90	52.10
ITC	430.85	-2.75
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	258.14	7.58
JSW Steel	1039.20	-5.00
Kotak Bank	2227.00	-41.80
L&T	3301.00	43.20
M&M	2917.80	100.70
Maruti Suzuki	11907.00	173.00
NestleIndia	2433.40	26.10
NTPC	363.80	3.55
ONGC	252.17	4.39
PowerGrid Corp	314.95	2.40
Reliance Ind	1300.00	8.80
SBI Life	1615.50	-3.50
State Bank	813.45	-8.95
Shriram Finance Ltd.	703.90	0.40
Sun Pharma	1788.80	41.40
TataConsumerProduct	1150.10	13.40
Tata Motors	659.90	29.05
Tata Steel	141.16	3.00
TCS	3413.00	98.60
Tech Mahindra	1439.60	63.10
Titan	3357.30	19.90
Trent Ltd.	5329.00	6.00
UltraTech Cement	11949.00	-10.00
Wipro	243.60	9.45

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on April 23

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	85.22	85.54
Euro	97.25	97.61
British Pound	113.39	113.82
Japanese Yen (100)	60.14	60.37
Chinese Yuan	11.69	11.74
Swiss Franc	103.74	104.13
Singapore Dollar	65.02	65.28
Canadian Dollar	61.59	61.84
Malaysian Ringitt	19.41	19.49
Australian Dollar	54.65	54.86

Source:Indian Bank

'Domestic demand will cushion impact of external headwinds'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Sanjay Malhotra

India will still remain the fastest growing economy in the world despite the downward revision of growth projections by 20 bps due to the impact of the trade war, observed Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra, according to the minutes of the last MPC meeting released on Wednesday.

"I believe that robust domestic demand will cushion the impact of external headwinds as in the past. At this juncture, the growth projection for 2025-26 at 6.5%, a downward revision of 20 basis points from the February 2025 policy, is appropriate," Mr. Malhotra, who heads the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), emphasised. "Although even at 6.5% growth, India would continue to be the fastest growing major economy, this is lower than what we aspire for," he stated.

The April MPC meeting had voted unanimously to reduce the repo rate by 25 bps to 6%, and change the stance to accommodative.

While external MPC member Saugata Bhattacharya had mostly sounded neutral, another external member Nagesh Kumar was seen extremely dovish, as per the observations in the minutes. The six-member committee was seen divided on the impact of tariffs on India, Barclays wrote in a note.

"While most acknowledge that India's domestic orientation will offer some insulation, the spillover from lower global growth is difficult to escape," Barclays said.

World Bank lowers India's FY26 growth forecast to 6.3%

In India, growth in FY24/25 disappointed because of slower growth in private investment, public capex that didn't meet govt. targets, it says

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Ground reality: Benefits to private investment from regulatory streamlining may be offset by global economic weakness. REUTERS

The World Bank on Wednesday lowered India's growth forecast for the current fiscal by 4 percentage points to 6.3% amid global economic weakness and policy uncertainty.

In its previous estimate, the World Bank had projected India's growth at 6.7% for the fiscal year 2025-26.

In India, growth in FY24/25 disappointed because of slower growth in private investment and public capital expenditures that did not meet government targets, the World Bank said in its twice-yearly regional outlook.

"In India, growth is expected to slow from 6.5% in FY24/25 to 6.3% as in FY25/26 as the benefits to private investment from monetary easing and regulatory streamlining are expected to be offset by global economic weakness and policy uncertainty," said its South Asia Development Update, Taxing Times. On Tuesday, the IMF also lowered India's GDP forecast for the current fiscal to 6.2% from its January estimates of 6.5%.

The World Bank report said the benefits to private investment from monetary easing and regulatory streamlining are expected to be offset by global economic weakness and policy uncertainty.

Flash India PMI expands on record high export orders

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The HSBC India Flash Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) expanded to 60 points in April on increasing export orders, as against 59.5 in the previous month, S&P Global said in a statement. Services flash PMI increased to 59.1 from a final number of 58.5 from March 2025.

Manufacturing flash PMI output index came in at 61.9 from a final value of 61.7 in the previous month, according to the statement. Services grew at a faster pace than manufacturing.

"New export orders accelerated sharply, likely buoyed by the 90-day pause in the implementation of tariffs. As a result, output and employment grew, for both, manufacturers and service providers. Cost inflation was in line with March levels, but prices charged rose a tad faster, leading to improved margins," Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC said in the statement. Companies reported increased output, positive demand and successful advertising, HSBC said, adding that some of them benefitted from the depreciation of the rupee as international orders increased.

HSBC forecast that India's GDP growth would be hit by 0.5 percentage points due to the tariffs. "The indirect and second-order negative impact could also be meaningful, emanating from slower export volumes around the world, weaker global FDI flows, and the re-routing of exports hurting manufacturing," Ms. Bhandhari said in her research note.

Ather Energy's ₹2,981-cr. IPO to open on April 25

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy on Wednesday announced a ₹2,981-crore Initial Public Offering (IPO).

The company has fixed a price band of ₹304 to ₹321 apiece, which will be offered in lots of 46 shares or multiples thereof.

The offer will comprise a fresh issue of ₹2,626 crore and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of ₹354 crore. The promoters plan to dilute 20% of their shares in the offer for sale, according to the prospectus. Majority shares are owned by Hero MotoCorp. Bids for the IPO will open on April 25 for the anchor investors and will be open between April 28 and April 30 for retail investors.

New business of life insurers up 5% in FY25

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

New business premium of life insurance companies in India increased 5.13% for the fiscal ended March to ₹3,97,336.78 crore compared with ₹3,77,960.34 crore a year earlier.

Ending a fourth month decline streak, in March the life insurers clocked a little over 2% increase in the premium to ₹61,439.11 crore (₹60,213.62 crore), the business figures released by Life Insurance Council showed.

Private insurers

Private life insurers fared better with 9.80% increase in premium to ₹1,70,666.87 crore (₹1,55,437.34 crore). In March, their premium rose to ₹24,531.79 crore (₹23,913 crore).

INBRIEF

'Ola Group owns a majority of patents granted to 117 unicorns'

Ola Group now holds over 50% of all patents filed by India's 117 unicorns. India's unicorns collectively hold only 229 patents, with Ola Group owning more than half, according to data from the Indian Patent Advanced Search (IPAS) System. Sources close to Ola confirmed that the group has filed over 650 patent applications, with 180 already granted. This includes filings by Ola Electric, which accounts for the lion's share of about 70-80% of the total. PTI

Accenture acquires deep tech education firm from NSE arm

Accenture has acquired deep tech education firm TalentSprint from National Stock Exchange of India subsidiary NSE Academy. The acquisition will bolster Accenture LearnVantage's ability to drive growth through key university certifications and high impact bootcamps, creating trained talent pools for enterprises and governments, the NYSE-listed global IT firm said in a release on Wednesday. It, however, did not share financials of the transaction.

NABARD picks up 10% stake in 24x7 Moneyworks

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) said it had acquired 10% equity stake in 24x7 Moneyworks Consulting Pvt. Ltd., an agri-fintech venture, for an unspecified amount. 24x7 Moneyworks Consulting's flagship platform, eKisanCredit (eKCC), is a fully digital loan origination system which integrates seamlessly with land records, Aadhaar, eKYC, core banking systems enabling end-to-end automation of the rural credit lifecycle.

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Notice Inviting Bid No. 04-09/2024-25 Corrigendum No. 02

Due to unavoidable circumstances bid submission date of this office NIT No. 04/2024-25,05/2024-25, 06/2024-25, 07/2024-25, 08/2024-25 and 09/2024-25 has been extended and last date of submission has been made as 26.05.2025. Other terms and conditions will remain same as per original NIT.

Note: - All Bids are invited on Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM)

UBN No: - PHE2425WLOB07192; NIT No 04/2024-25
PHE2425WLOB07193; NIT No 05/2024-25
PHE2425WLOB07194; NIT No 06/2024-25
PHE2425WLOB07196; NIT No 07/2024-25
PHE2425WLOB07199; NIT No 08/2024-25
PHE2425WLOB07201; NIT No 09/2024-25

(Surendra Sharma)
Additional Chief Engineer (Project)
DIPR/C/5072/2025 — PHED Bharatpur

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग सभाग-प्रथम, उदयपुर

क्रमांकः ACE/NIT/2025-26/D-26 — दिनांकः 08.04.2025

निविदा संख्या- 01/ 2025-26

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से सड़क निर्माण कार्य हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/ केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/ डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/ रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के ए, एए श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 1 (एक) सड़क निर्माण कार्य के लिए ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट प्रक्रिया से ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है।

कार्य का नाम	सड़क निर्माण कार्य- कुल 1 (एक) कार्य
निविदा की कुल लागत	राशि रू. 584.00 लाख
ऑनलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख	15.04.2025 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से 05.05.2025 सायं 6.00 बजे तक
ऑनलाइन निविदा खोलने की तारीख	06.05.2025 सायं 4.00 बजे से

निविदा से संबंधित विवरण वेबसाइट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in व sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर ऑनलाइन सम्पादित की जावेगी।

NIB- PWD2526A0070, UBN- PWD2526WLOB00178

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DIPR/C/5085/25 — सा.नि.वि. संभाग-प्रथम उदयपुर

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATI RAJ
(An Organisation of the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India)
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION –
PHASE – II (2024 – 2025) Ph.D. in Rural Development
Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

NIRDPR announces Ph.D. in Rural Development. **The degree shall be awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.** The focus of this programme is on issues, challenges and solutions pertaining to Rural Development in India.

Total No. of Seats: 13 including 2 part-time.

Those who have qualified in GATE/UGC-NET in the June 2024 or December 2024 cycles only may apply. JRF holders who qualified in UGC-NET exam from earlier years may also apply, so long as their offer of fellowship is valid. (NET/JRF/GATE qualification mandatory for part-time Ph.D. also).

For further details, kindly visit
https://nirdpr.org.in/phd/phd.html
Last Date for submission of application: **12th May, 2025**
Queries to be addressed to **phd@nirdpr.org.in / 9700936499**

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Letter No. 425/GMCA/G-1/Advertisement/2024-25 Date:- 23rd April, 2025

Walk-in-Interview

A Walk in Interview for various post of " Professor, Associate Professor & Assistant Professor" at Soban Singh Jeena Government Institute of Medical Science & Research Almora will be held on 17-05-2025 at 10:00 am onwards in " Office of the Director" , Medical Education Directorate, 107-Chandernagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Registration will be done on the day of interview till 1:00 PM only. The post will be filled on yearly renewal contract basis for a maximum period of 03 (three) years or till regular appointment are made.

For further details please visit our website:- **http://www.ssjgimsralmora.org, www.medicaleducation.uk.gov.in & www.hnbumu.ac.in**

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SSJ Govt. IMSR Almora
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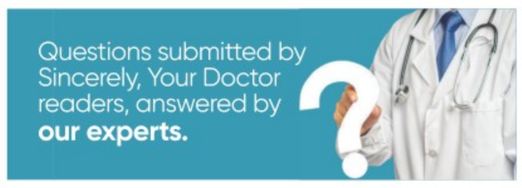
Your Health Questions Answered

1. Can you tell me which foods are rich in fibre? Also, can gut health issues affect the skin and cause pimples? *Deepika, Maharajganj*

Green leafy vegetables, whole grains, whole fruits (with peel and pulp), lentils, and beans (black beans, kidney beans, chickpeas) are all good sources of fibre. Poor gut health can affect your skin and lead to pimples. Improving digestion by avoiding oily foods and sugars, staying hydrated, and eating enough fibre can help clear your skin.

2. I have problems with sleep, some anxiety and depression, and mild allergies like sneezing and skin itching. Can probiotics help me with these issues? *Saleem, Ongole*

Probiotics mainly support gut health, but they may not directly help with sleep or mental health. It would be helpful to talk to a therapist to learn coping techniques for anxiety and depression. Also, get a comprehensive health check done to assess any underlying deficiencies that could be contributing to your symptoms.



3. Are protein bars a better alternative to chocolates once in a while? What makes them different? *Heer Pandya, Mumbai*

Protein bars can definitely be a better alternative snack to chocolates because they usually contain less sugar and more protein. However, it's important to check the label – some protein bars can still be high in sugars and processed ingredients. Choosing simpler, low-sugar options is best.

4. My 19-year-old daughter recently underwent thyroid function tests because of her thyroid history. All values are normal, but her Vitamin D3 level is low. She has also been experiencing hair loss. *Srikanth, Salem*

Hair loss can sometimes be linked to nutritional deficiencies, especially low iron, Vitamin B12, and Vitamin D levels. Since her Vitamin D is low, it's important to correct that with supplements, as advised by her doctor. However, it would also be prudent to check her iron and Vitamin B12 levels. We recommend consulting a paediatrician or a dermatologist, who can assess her fully and guide you with the right investigations and treatment.

> *Diets low in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins – and high in sodium and ultra processed foods – increase the risk of non-communicable diseases.*

5. Are you doing gut microbiome sequencing? What can it indicate and how does it help? *Kalpana Ramesh, Coimbatore*

Yes, we are. Gut microbiome sequencing gives insights into your gut health. It is done through a simple stool sample, which is then analysed to study the types and balance of bacteria in your gut. Based on the results, we give dietary recommendations and suggest specific supplements, if necessary.

6. I am generally healthy. I walk every day for at least an hour. Can you advise me on how to get good sleep between 10 PM and 5 AM? *Davis MC, Ernakulam*

For better sleep, switch off all screens (like phones, TV) 2–3 hours before bedtime. Ensure a conducive sleep environment that is dark and cool. You could also talk to your general physician about whether magnesium supplements might help.

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or email us at sincerelyyourdoctor@thehindu.co.in
with your name, city and query.

BEIRUT

Israel 'indiscriminately' attacked civilians in Lebanon, says HRW

AP

Human Rights Watch accused Israel on Wednesday of "indiscriminate" attacks on civilians in Lebanon, citing two deadly strikes in Yunin as possible war crimes. Over 4,000 were killed, mostly civilians. HRW found no evidence of military targets at the sites and urged international investigation. AFP

AMMAN

Jordan bans Muslim Brotherhood, confiscates its assets and offices

REUTERS

Jordan outlawed the Muslim Brotherhood, its main Opposition group, and seized its assets on Wednesday after members were found to be linked to a sabotage plot, Interior Minister Mazen Fraya said. Jordan had last week arrested 16 members of the group, saying they were plotting attacks on targets in the kingdom. REUTERS

KYIV

Ukraine calls in Chinese envoy to express 'concern' over war activities

AFP

Ukraine summoned China's envoy on Tuesday after claiming 155 Chinese nationals were fighting for Russia, with two detained. Kyiv presented evidence and urged China to halt support for Russia. Beijing denied the allegations as "groundless" and opposed what it called political manipulation by Ukraine. AFP

QUETTA

Gunmen in Pakistan kill two police officers guarding polio vaccinators

AP

Gunmen killed two Pakistani police officers guarding a polio vaccination team in Balochistan's Mastung district, officials said on Wednesday, the second such attack since Pakistan's inoculation drive began this week. The health workers were unharmed. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. AFP

Trump says Ukraine peace deal is 'very close', slams Zelenskyy's stance

U.S. President criticises Ukrainian leader for refusing to cede Crimea to Russia, blaming it for prolonging the war; Vance warns of U.S. 'walking away' if deal is not made; latest talks in Britain were downgraded after Rubio cancelled his trip

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

U.S. President Donald Trump said a deal to halt the Ukraine war was "very close" on Wednesday but hit out at Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy over his refusal to formally cede Crimea to Russia.

Mr. Trump's comments came as Vice President J.D. Vance warned that the United States would "walk away" unless Russia and Ukraine agree a peace deal, and as envoys from Washington, Kyiv and European nations gathered for downgraded talks in Britain. Negotiations on ending the war in were downgraded after U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio abruptly cancelled his trip to London.

Diplomatic deadlock: Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelenskyy had met in Washington in February this year. AFP

U.S. media has reported that Mr. Trump is ready to accept recognition of annexed land in Crimea as Russian territory, but Mr. Zelenskyy told journalists this week it was Ukrainian territory and recognising it as Russian "is against our Constitution".

"It is inflammatory statements like Zelenskyy's that makes it so difficult to settle this War," Mr. Trump said in a post on Truth Social, adding that Mr. Zelenskyy's remarks will do nothing but prolong the 'killing field'.

He added: "We are very close to a Deal, but the man with 'no cards to play' should now, finally, GET IT DONE."

Earlier, Mr. Vance told reporters in India that the U.S. has "issued a very explicit proposal to both the Russians and the Ukrainians". "It's time for them to either say 'yes', or for the United States to walk away from this process," he added.

The reports said the proposal was first raised at a meeting with European nations in Paris last week.

But French President Emmanuel Macron's office said on Wednesday that "Ukraine's territorial integrity and European aspirations are very strong requirements for Europeans".

The latest round of diplomacy comes after a fresh wave of Russian air strikes that shattered a brief Easter truce. A Russian drone strike on a bus transporting workers in the southeastern city of Marganets killed nine people and wounded at least 30 more, the regional governor said on Wednesday.

World leaders condemn Pahalgam terror attack

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Security forces escort an ambulance carrying the bodies of tourists who were killed near Pahalgam, in Srinagar on Wednesday. REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese were among the top global leaders who condemned Tuesday's terror strike in Pahalgam that left at least 26 Indian citizens dead and many injured. Messages also came in from U.S. Vice President J.D. Vance, Sri Lanka's President Anura Kumara Dissanayake and the Chief Adviser of the interim government of Bangladesh Mohammed Yunus. The Taliban administration of Kabul has also extended condolences after the attack.

"This afternoon I have spoken to my friend Prime Minister Narendra Modi to offer my condolences on behalf of Australia following the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir. Those responsible must be held to account. Australia and India are great friends and we stand with India at this difficult time," said Australian PM Albanese in a message. Earlier Russian President Vladimir Putin had written to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi extending his condolences at the loss of Indian lives in Pahalgam.

"This brutal crime has no justification whatsoever. We expect that its organisers and perpetrators will face a deserved punishment," said Mr. Putin in his message to PM Modi. In a separate message, Russian ambassador Denis Alipov said, "Russia resolutely stands with India."

'Utterly devastating'

Earlier, U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer in a message described the terror attack as "utterly devastating", and said, "My thoughts are with those affected, their loved ones, and the people of India."

Earlier, U.S. President Donald Trump had described the terror attack as "deeply disturbing" and said, "The United States stands strong with India against terrorism. We pray for the souls of those lost, and for the recovery of the injured. Prime Minister Modi, and the incredible people of India, have our full support and deepest sympathies."

French President Emmanuel Macron said, "A heinous terrorist attack has struck India, claiming the lives of dozens of men and women from all walks of life. We share the profound sorrow of the victims' families, to whom I extend my heartfelt condolences."

Earlier, U.S. Vice President J.D., Vance who is visiting India said, "Usha and I extend our condolences to the victims of the devastating terrorist attack in Pahalgam."

In a post on social media platform 'X', President Anura Kumara Dissanayake of Sri Lanka said, "I condemn in the strongest terms the cowardly terrorist attack in India. Our hearts with the victims and their families. Sri Lanka always stands in solidarity with the people of India."

'Door wide open' for trade talks with U.S., says China

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China said on Wednesday the door was "wide open" for trade talks with Washington, a day after U.S. President Donald Trump signalled the possibility of a "substantial" lowering of tariffs on Beijing.

Bringing further relief to global markets spooked by his aggressive trade policies, Mr. Trump also said on Tuesday he had no intention of firing U.S. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell.

Since returning to the White House in January, Mr. Trump has imposed additional tariffs of 145% on many products from China.

Guo Jiakun

"China pointed out early on that there are no winners in tariff wars and trade wars," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun told a daily news conference in Beijing. "The door for talks is wide open."

Chinese President Xi Jinping also warned on Wednesday that trade wars "undermine the legitimate rights and interests of all countries, hurt the multilateral trading system and impact the world economic order", state media said.

The reiteration from Beijing comes after Mr. Trump acknowledged that 145% was a "very high" level and that will "come down substantially".

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt also told reporters that Washington was "doing very well in respect to a potential trade deal with China".

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi also held phone calls with his British and Austrian counterparts on Tuesday, urging the U.K. and the European Union to work with Beijing on safeguarding international trade.

Palestinian President urges Hamas leaders to hand over arms

Reuters
RAMALLAH

Abbas has criticised the Hamas-led attack on Israel in 2023, which he said gave Israel a pretext to destroy Gaza

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called on the Hamas militant group on Wednesday to cede responsibility for the Gaza Strip, hand over its arms to the Palestinian Authority and turn itself into a political party.

Hamas has refused calls in recent months by Israel and the United States to lay down its arms.

Mr. Abbas made his remarks in a speech during a meeting in the West Bank city of Ramallah at which he is expected to name a successor, part of efforts to answer international doubts over the Palestinian Authority's viability at a critical moment for the region. "Hamas must hand over [its] Gaza responsibilities and hand over its arms to the responsibility to Palestinian Authority and transform into a political party," Mr. Abbas said.

Mr. Abbas has criticised the Hamas-led attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, which he said gave Israel a pretext to destroy Gaza.

Hamas opposes Mr. Abbas's efforts at peacemaking with Israel.

MBM UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR

No. : MBMU/OIC/2025-26/72-73 Date :- 21/04/2025

NOTICE INVITING BID

Bids are invited from interested eligible and experienced vendors/suppliers for the supply/provision of the following items/services at MBM University, Jodhpur. All other particulars of the bid may be visited on the portal **sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.mbm.ac.in.**

1. Bids vide UBN No: MBM2526A0002 for Supply of Manpower on Hiring Basis at MBM University, Jodhpur with estimated amount Rs. 9.00 Cr and last date of bid submission 10.05.2025, 03:00 PM.
2. Bids vide UBN No: MBM2526SSLB00003 for Running Canteen in Academic & Hostel Campus of MBM University, Jodhpur with estimated amount Rs. 1.20 Lakhs and last date of bid submission 01.05.2025; 12:00 Noon.

Raj.Samwad/C/25/1097 OIC-Central Store

CWRDM E-Tender Notice

E-Tenders are invited for Drone Survey to map the canal network of Malampuzha Irrigation Scheme and to submit the report.

Tender ID: 2025_KCSTE_759415_1

For details: www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Last Date: 29.04.2025, 5.00 PM

NMDC Ltd.
(A Govt. Of India Enterprise) (ISO 9001 Company)
Bailadila Iron Ore Mines, Bacheli Complex
Bacheli, Distt. - South Bastar (Dantewada), CG - 494553
Phone No.: 07857-230210, Mob.: 8085559082

//e-Tender Notice //

BIOM/BC/Contracts/Publication/2025-26/094/ **Date: 24.04.2025**

Bailadila Iron Ore Mines, Bacheli Complex, NMDC Ltd. invites e-bids for the following works. Intending tenderers may visit and download Tender Documents from CPP Portal or **www.nmdc.co.in** or **http://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/.** Any corrigendum/addendum to be issued, the bidder must visit the online portal from time to time to notice the same. Corrigendum/addendum will not be published in any newspaper. The offer has to be submitted online at the given MSTC portal only till 03:30 PM and will be opened on 04:00 PM on respective last dates.

MSTC Ref. No. NMDC/ Bacheli/ 25-26/ET/		NMDC Tender. No. BIOM/BC/ CONTRACTS /OTE(94)/25-26/	Short Description of Work	EMD (Rs.)	Last Date of Sub'n
1	3/38	C-385	PROVIDING GRILLS IN BALCONY OF TYPE III/TS/ QUARTERS (05 BLOCKS) AT HITECH COLONY BIOM BACHELI COMPLEX.	24,100/-	23/05/2025
2	4/39	C-389	R&M WORKS OF PROGRAME STAGE AT KV GROUND, BIOM BACHELI COMPLEX.	12,300/-	23/05/2025
3	5/40	C-390	CONSTRUCTION OF OXYGEN CYLINDER STORE SHED & CC ROAD WITH DRAIN FROM CASUALTY TO CT SCAN BUILDING & RCC DRAIN BEHIND ISOLATION WARD AT APOLLO HOSPITAL BIOM BACHELI COMPLEX.	42,600/-	23/05/2025
4	6/41	C-394	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWERAGE NETWORK OF RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS OF BACHELI TOWNSHIP.	69,100/-	23/05/2025
5	7/42	C-395	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORKS IN ALLOTED QUARTERS (SOUTH BLOCK) AT BACHELI TOWNSHIP.	89,500/-	23/05/2025

HOD (M&S and Contracts)
BIOM, Bacheli Complex

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS, CHENNAI

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders with two cover system are invited from the eligible bidders for the Purchase of 60s Combed Dyed Cotton Cone Warp Yarn, Polyester Texturised Yarn Varieties and 60s K Grey Cotton Cone Warp Yarn for Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme, Pongal 2026.

Tender Sl.No.	Variety of yarn	Required Quantity in MT	Required Earnest Money Deposit in (Rs.)	Date and Time of Availability of Bid Document in the Web Portal	Last Date and Time for Receipt of Online Submission of Filled Bid Documents	Date and Time of Online Opening of Bids		Supply Period
						Technical Bids	Financial Bids	
1.	60s C Dyed Cotton Cone Warp Yarn	1940.00	10,00,000/-	24.04.2025 to 27.05.2025 Upto 02.00 p.m.	24.04.2025 to 27.05.2025 Upto 02.00 p.m.	27.05.2025 at 03.00 p.m.	Will be intimated later	60 days
2.	80/34 D Grey PTY	1866.00	10,00,000/-	24.04.2025 to 27.05.2025 Upto 03.00 p.m.	24.04.2025 to 27.05.2025 Upto 03.00 p.m.	27.05.2025 at 04.00 p.m.	Will be intimated later	60 days
	80/34 D Dyed PTY	2352.00						60 days
	150/72D Cotlook ATY	422.00						60 days
	155/34D 250 TPM Dyed PTY	373.00						60 days
3.	60s K Grey Cotton Cone Warp Yarn	195.00	5,00,000/-	24.04.2025 to 27.05.2025 Upto 03.30 p.m.	24.04.2025 to 27.05.2025 Upto 03.30 p.m.	27.05.2025 at 04.30 p.m.	Will be intimated later	60 days

Eligibility of the Tenderer and other conditions are stipulated in the Bid Document.
1. Complete E-Tender Documents can be viewed and downloaded **free of cost** from Government e-tender website **https://tntenders.gov.in**
2. **E-Tender Documents :**
   (i) Tender Schedule - I - Purchase of 60s Combed Dyed Cotton Cone Warp Yarn (S.No.DSDS-2026/COT/001)
   (ii) Tender Schedule – II – Purchase of Polyester Texturised Yarn Varieties (S.No.DSDS-2026/PTY/002)
   (iii) Tender Schedule - III - Purchase of 60s K Grey Cotton Cone Warp Yarn (S.No.DSDS-2026/COT/003). The Bidders have to participate through online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class III.

Pre Bid Meeting: There will be a pre-bid meeting on **07.05.2025** at **3.00 p.m** at the **Conference Hall of the Directorate of Handlooms, Chennai - 600 104. Contact : Joint Director (Uniforms). Telephone : 044-25358715, E-mail : tenderwing2024@gmail.com**

DIPR/ 1645 /TENDER/2025 Joint Director (Uniforms) / Tender Inviting Authority

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Tirunelveli (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Circle
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.05/ 2025-2026/ D1 / Dated: 22.04.2025

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu sealed **percentage tender for One Road work in Double Cover System** through online only will be received upto **15.00 hours on 29.05.2025 by the Superintending Engineer (H), NABARD and Rural Roads, Tirunelveli circle** for the works approved in G.O.(Ms) No.59 Highways and Minor Ports (HF1) Department dated. 27.03.2025 under **Upgradation of One PUR / PR** as ODR in **Tirunelveli (H), NABARD and Rural Roads Division.**

Details such as Name of work, approximate value of work, online EMD, documents to be uploaded, critical dates and all other details related to the work will be available **from 29.04.2025** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes/ Corrections / Amendments etc related to this tender arises, it will be published on the above Government website only.

DIPR/1671/TENDER/2025 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H), NABARD AND RURAL ROADS, TIRUNELVELI-2

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA
WORKS DEPARTMENT
Short Tender Call Notice E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle - 02/2025-26 Memo No -1041 Dt.21/04/2025

The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Road works as detailed in the table below:

1.	Nature of Work	: **Road Works**
2.	No of Work	: **2 Nos**
3.	Tender Cost	: **Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)**
4.	Class of Contractor	: **B & A Class**
5.	Available of Bid document in the Website	: From **10.00 AM of Dt.25.04.2025** up to **05.00 PM of Dt.02.05.2025 up to 5.00 PM**
6.	Date of opening of Bid	: **Dt.03.05.2025 at 11.30 AM**
7.	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website:**https://tenderodisha.gov.in**. Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.	

Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha
B-47: OIPR-34127/11/0038/2526

PAYING TRIBUTE

A minute's silence observed before IPL game for Pahalgam victims

K.V.S. GIRI

In a solemn gesture of solidarity and respect, the Sunrisers Hyderabad and Mumbai Indians players, along with the officials, paid tribute to the victims of the terror attack in Pahalgam. The IPL game in Hyderabad on Wednesday was conducted without fanfare. There were no cheerleaders, celebratory fireworks or music.

PROUD SKIPPER

'Always felt that once everyone starts clicking, we will dominate'

K.V.S. GIRI

Hardik Pandya expressed satisfaction at the way MI has stormed back into contention. "I always felt that once everyone starts clicking, we will dominate. Chahar and Boult set it up, Rohit and Suryakumar finished it. I have realised that captaincy is about instinct and not pre-planning. Just need to get better," he said.

INTROSPECTION

We have not played good cricket in our home matches: RCB's Patidar

K. MURALI KUMAR

"We have not played good cricket in our home matches. This season, the pitch at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium has been a bit tricky and unpredictable, but that is not an excuse. As for the toss, this is not in my hands," Royal Challengers Bengaluru captain Rajat Patidar said on his team's poor home record.

SUPER CUP

Inter Kashi knocks out Bengaluru; Mumbai City routs Chennaiyin

BISWARANJAN ROUT

Inter Kashi knocked out Bengaluru FC in a shootout and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Super Cup in Bhubaneswar on Wednesday. **The results:** Inter Kashi 1 (Babovic 87) drew with BFC 1 (Williams 62) *Inter Kashi won 5-3 on penalties*. Mumbai City FC 4 (Karelis 43, Chhangte 64 & 86, Bipin 90) bt Chennaiyin FC 0.

Go for it! Kohli will look to power RCB again. K. MURALI KUMAR

RCB faces RR, eyes maiden home win

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Today's match

RCB vs. RAJASTHAN ROYALS

Bengaluru, 7.30 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 32
RCB 16 | RR 14 | NR 2

PREVIOUS MEETING
RCB won by nine wickets, 2025

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1 (SD & HD) & JIOHOTSTAR

After a third straight defeat at home last week, Royal Challengers Bengaluru fast bowler Josh Hazlewood made a wish. "To win a toss would be nice," Hazlewood said.

The spin of the coin has turned out to be a crucial factor at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium this season. The conditions are titled heavily in favour of chasing teams.

RCB skipper Rajat Patidar, having lost the toss on all three occasions, will be desperate to call it right on Thursday and insert Rajasthan Royals in to bat.

RCB's away form, meanwhile, has been top notch. In the last match, against Punjab Kings, Virat Kohli and Devdutt Padikkal made easy work of the chase.

West Indies all-rounder Romario Shepherd, who made his maiden appearance on Sunday, is likely to keep his spot ahead of a struggling Liam Livingstone.

RR, meanwhile, is down for the count. With four losses on the trot, the visitor's season is already in jeopardy. The last two slip-ups, when RR has crumbled from winning positions, has exposed mental frailties.

Cruising at 156 for two against Lucknow Super Giants, RR needed a comfortable 25 off 18 balls. RR inexplicably panicked and lost the plot, similar to the meek surrender to Delhi Capitals earlier.

The expected packed house will enjoy the chance to see RR's teenage sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi in action. The left-handed opener, who turned heads with a bright 34 against LSG, will be tested by the wily RCB pace trio of Hazlewood, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Yash Dayal.

Sunrisers at sixes and sevens as rampant Mumbai makes it four on the bounce

Rohit's rollicking half-century sets up facile win for the visiting team; Boult, Chahar blow away host's top-order before Klaasen does the rescue act

IPL-18

Anirudh Velamuri
HYDERABAD

A year ago, Sunrisers Hyderabad registered what was then the highest ever total in the IPL (277 for three) against Mumbai Indians at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium here. Little over a year later in a rematch at the same venue, the visitor came out on top, reaching the modest 144-run target with seven wickets and 26 balls to spare.

Put in to bat, Travis Head was dismissed for a four-ball duck. His fellow lefties in the top-order, Abhishek Sharma and Ishan Kishan, fell soon after and Sunrisers ended the PowerPlay with the lowest score (24 for four) by any team this season.

Heinrich Klaasen then went about saving Sunrisers' blushes, beginning by dispatching Vignesh Puthur into the second tier beyond deep mid-wicket. He painstakingly got the score past the 50-run mark and took the attack to Hardik Pandya, smacking three boundaries and giving the home fans a reason to cheer.

Klaasen stitched a 99-run stand with Abhinav Manohar, bringing up his first half century of the season along the way. By the time the pair fell, SRH had tottered to a moderate total. MI took an early blow in its chase when Ryan Rickelton got a leading edge and Jaydev Unadkat, with momentum taking him in the opposite direction, stuck his left hand and took an excellent catch. Rohit Sharma, however, ensured the visitor remained in control. His early maximum over deep extra cover off Unadkat underlined his comfort in what was once his home venue in the IPL.

Rohit continued from where he left off against Chennai Super Kings, registering his second half-century in as many matches, the first time he has done so since 2016. With Net Run Rate (NRR) seemingly on his mind, he switched gears, highlighted by three fours off Harshal Patel in the 14th over.

When he finally fell after chipping a yorker from Eshan Malinga to Abhishek Sharma at midwicket, the win was all but sealed, with Suryakumar Yadav finishing it with a boundary over deep square leg.

MI's triumph takes it to third on the table while Sunrisers languish at ninth, just above CSK by virtue of NRR.

Ripping start, roaring finish: Boult rocked the SRH top-order before Rohit powered MI home. K.V.S. GIRI

SCOREBOARD

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD
Travis Head c Naman b Boult 0 *(4b)*, Abhishek Sharma c Vignesh b Boult 8 *(8b, 1x6)*, Ishan Kishan c Rickelton b Chahar 1 *(4b)*, Nitish Kumar c Santner b Chahar 2 *(6b)*, Heinrich Klaasen c Tilak b Bumrah 71 *(44b, 9x4, 2x6)*, Aniket Verma c Rickelton b Hardik 12 *(14b, 1x4)*, Abhinav Manohar **(Impact Player for Head)** hit wicket b Boult 43 *(37b, 2x4, 3x6)*, Pat Cummins b Boult 1 *(2b)*, Harshal Patel (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3): 4; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 143.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-2 (Head, 1.2 overs), 2-9 (Kishan, 2.1), 3-13 (Abhishek, 3.3), 4-13 (Nitish, 4.1), 5-35 (Aniket, 8.3), 6-134 (Klaasen, 18.6), 7-142 (Abhinav, 19.4), 8-143 (Cummins, 19.6).

MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING
Chahar 4-0-12-2, Boult 4-0-26-4, Bumrah 4-0-39-1, Santner 4-0-19-0, Hardik 3-0-31-1, Vignesh 1-0-15-0.

MUMBAI INDIANS
Ryan Rickelton c & b Unadkat 11 *(8b, 2x4)*, Rohit Sharma **(Impact Player for Vignesh)** c Abhishek b Malinga 70 *(46b, 8x4, 3x6)*, Will Jacks c Abhinav b Zeeshan 22 *(19b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav (not out) 40 *(19b, 5x4, 2x6)*, Tilak Varma (not out) 2 *(2b)*; Extras (w-1): 1; Total (for three wkts. in 15.4 overs): 146.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-13 (Rickelton, 1.4), 2-77 (Jacks, 9.2), 3-130 (Rohit, 14.4).

SUNRISERS BOWLING
Cummins 3-0-31-0, Unadkat 3-0-25-1, Harshal 3-0-21-0, Malinga 3-0-33-1, Zeeshan 3.4-0-36-1.

Toss: MI.
PoM: Boult.
Mumbai Indians won by seven wickets with 26 deliveries to spare.

Next assignment

SRH: April 25 vs CSK
Chennai, 7.30 p.m.

MI: April 27 vs LSG
Mumbai, 3.30 p.m.

Points table

	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Gujarat Titans	8	6	2	12	1.104
Delhi Capitals	8	6	2	12	0.657
Mumbai Indians	9	5	4	10	0.673
Royal Challengers	8	5	3	10	0.472
Punjab Kings	8	5	3	10	0.177
Lucknow Super Giants	9	5	4	10	-0.054
Kolkata Knight Riders	8	3	5	6	0.212
Rajasthan Royals	8	2	6	4	-0.633
Sunrisers Hyderabad	8	2	6	4	-1.361
Chennai Super Kings	8	2	6	4	-1.392

** Till the SRH-MI match on April 23*

No timeline on Samson's return, reveals Dravid

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Dravid said his injury has not affected him as a coach. K. MURALI KUMAR

Sanju Samson's injury status will be assessed on a "day-to-day basis", Rajasthan Royals head coach Rahul Dravid said here on Wednesday.

Samson, who suffered an injury during the match against Delhi Capitals, will not feature in RR's outing against Royal Challengers Bengaluru here on Thursday. Riyan Parag will continue as the RR captain.

"Sanju couldn't play the last game (against LSG), and for this game, our medical team did not rule him fit to play. So we took the decision not to risk his travel to Bengaluru," Dravid said. "We will try and get him back as quickly as possible. I have no timeline as to when exactly he will be fit," Dravid added.

Dravid explained that this decreased mobility does not stop him from discharging his duties in full.

"It (the leg injury) has not been a challenge. As a coach, you don't have to score runs or take any catches. A coach has to use his brains and mouth, and that seems to be in decent order. So no excuses or worries on that front," Dravid said with a chuckle.

Unassuming Porel quietly doing the job for Capitals

Dhruva Prasad
LUCKNOW

Shifting gears: Porel showed his intent and range. SANDEEP SAXENA

He is not as flashy as his left-handed Indian counterparts Yashasvi Jaiswal, Abhishek Sharma, or Priyansh Arya. He also does not have a blistering IPL century to his name, but Abishek Porel has done the job for Delhi Capitals this season.

The 22-year-old notched up his first fifty of IPL 2025 to guide DC to an eight-wicket win over Lucknow Super Giants on Tuesday. The knock exemplified his ability to shift gears in tricky conditions and also showcased a blend of intent and range.

He took a toll on the loose fuller deliveries in the PowerPlay, rotated strike through the middle-overs and cut loose with an innovative reverse-lap to put DC on course for the win.

While there is a sense of ease in the way he scores runs, Porel's versatility of skill and adaptability to situations stand out. He has a strike rate in excess of 140 against both pace and spin, has batted at almost all positions from one to nine in the IPL, and can double up as anchor and finisher.

He has stepped in as an opener for DC in the absence of the injured Faf du Plessis and the out-of-form Jake Fraser-McGurk, scoring 151 runs in four innings at a strike rate of 141.12. He played two match-winning cameos at No. 3 after bouncing back from a two-ball duck in the season opener.

Interestingly, after a forgettable debut IPL campaign in 2023, Porel got a second wind through the Impact Player rule, with DC sending him in at No. 9 in its first match against Punjab Kings.

He grabbed the opportunity with an unbeaten 10-ball 32 and went on to play all 14 matches that season, ending with 327 runs while striking at almost 160.

Considered a long-term investment, Porel was one of the four players retained by DC ahead of the auction last year and the decision is already reaping rewards.

Humpy edges Zhu on tie-break to claim fifth leg

CHESS

P.K. Ajith Kumar
PUNE

Focused: Humpy overcame Salimova in 84 moves of Slav Defence on Wednesday. P.K. AJITH KUMAR

They began as the top two seeds, and they finished as the top two.

Koneru Humpy and Zhu Jiner ended with seven points each after the ninth and final round of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix at Amanora-The Fern on Wednesday. But Humpy proved more equal, as she emerged champion of the fifth leg of the series on account of a better tie-break score than the second-seeded Chinese. The prize-money and the Grand Prix points are shared though in case of a tie.

This was the last event for Humpy (a player gets to play three), and she has finished her campaign with 279.17 points. She is second in the table at the moment, behind the leader, Russia's Aleksandra Goryachkina (308.34), but the standings could change with players like Zhu having one more event to play.

The two-best placed women will qualify for the Candidates, the qualifying event for the World championship.

On the final day here, Humpy, with white pieces, overcame Nurgyul Salimova in 84 moves of Slav Defence. The Bulgarian had been in trouble long before that, but she fought on until Humpy's two passed pawns in the knight ending threatened checkmate.

It was a long game for Zhu too; she took 76 moves to outwit Polina Shuvalova of Russia. The third place went to Divya Deshmukh, giving some joy to the host State of Maharashtra.

The results (final round): R. Vaishali drew with Salome Melia (Geo); Koneru Humpy bt Nurgyul Salimova (Bul); Divya Deshmukh drew with Alina Kashlinskaya (Pol); Polina Shuvalova (Rus) lost to Zhu Jiner (Chn); D. Harika drew with Munguntuul Batkhuyag (Mgl).

The standings: 1-2. Humpy and Zhu 7 points; 3. Divya 5.5; 4-5. Harika and Shuvalova and 4.5; 6. Vaishali 4; 7. Salimova 3.5; 8-10. Melia, Kashlinskaya and Batkhuyag 3.

INBRIEF

Muzarabani stars as Zimbabwe snatches victory

Zimbabwe won the first of two Tests against Bangladesh by three wickets in Sylhet on Wednesday, with pacer Blessing Muzarabani taking nine wickets in the game to secure a decisive win on the fourth day.

The scores: Bangladesh 191 & 255 (Shanto 60, Jaker Ali 58, Muzarabani 6/72) lost to Zimbabwe 273 & 174/7 (Bennett 54, Curran 44, Mehidy Hasan Miraz 5/50). **PoM:** Muzarabani.

Sri Lankan squad for women's tri-series against India and SA

Sri Lanka on Wednesday announced a 17-member squad, led by Chamari Athapaththu, for the upcoming ODI tri-series against India and South Africa. The tournament begins on April 27 with the host taking on India at the R. Premadasa Stadium. The final is scheduled for May 11.

The squad: Chamari Athapaththu (capt.), Vishmi Gunaratne, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Nilakshi Silva, Kavisha Dilhari, Anushka Sanjeewani, Hasini Perera, Piumi Wathsala, Manudi Nanayakkara, Dewmi Vihanga, Inoka Ranaweera, Inoshi Fernando, Hansima Karunaratne, Rashmika Sewwandi, Malki Madara, Sugandika Kumari, Achini Kulsuriya.

FIA boss Ben Sulayem picks Wilson as deputy president

President Mohammed Ben Sulayem has named a longtime partner of Ford to be FIA's new deputy president after the previous official resigned in protest at how the organisation is run. The FIA said on Wednesday that Ben Sulayem had nominated Malcolm Wilson, whose company M-Sport has operated Ford's team in the World Rally Championship since 1997. The appointment needs to be confirmed by FIA member organisations in June. Wilson's appointment comes at a time when Ford is preparing to return to Formula One next year as a partner in Red Bull's engine production.

We are committed to equality: WA president Sebastian Coe

World Athletics says national track and field federation executive boards must be at least 40% female by 2029. "We know challenges remain in getting more female coaches, referees and administrators into athletics but we are committed to equality and opportunity to drive lasting change across the athletics community worldwide," World Athletics president Sebastian Coe said. "I am incredibly proud of the progress we've made to date to increase female representation in athletics – highlighted by our 50-50 gender balanced council."

Aryan Shah enters the pre-quarterfinals

Aryan Shah defeated Taha Baadi of Morocco 7-6(5), 6-2 in the first round of the $60,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Abdijan, Ivory Coast, on Wednesday. In the ITF women's event in Antalya, Turkey, Vaishnavi Adkar progressed in both singles and doubles, winning her first-round matches.

The results: $100,000 Challener, Gwangju, Korea: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Ramkumar Ramanathan & Aoran Wang (Chn) bt Antoine Escoffier & Luca Sanchez (Fra) 6-2, 6-0.
$60,000 Challenger, Abidjan, Ivory Coast: First round: Aryan Shah bt Taha Baadi (Mar) 7-6(5), 6-2; Aleksandre Bakshi (Geo) bt Karan Singh 7-5 6-7(3), 6-4.
$15,000 ITF: Shymkent: First round: Men: Sean Cuenin (Fra) bt Rohan Mehra 6-3, 6-1.
Women: Aruzhan Sagandykova (Kaz) bt Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-0, 6-2; Franziska Sziedat (Ger) bt Pooja Ingale 6-0, 6-3; Valeriia Shvetsova bt Akanksha Nitture 6-3, 1-6, 7-5. **Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals:** Daria Shubina (Uzb) & Valeriya Yushchenko bt Ashmitha Easwaramurthi & Lorena Schaedel (Ger) 6-0, 6-4; Elina Nepliy & Aruzhan Sagandykova (Kaz) bt Paavanii Paathak & Anastasiia Sergienko 6-4, 6-0.
$100,000 ITF women, Charlottesville, USA: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Isabelle Haverlag (Ned) & Valeriya Strakhova (Ukr) bt Jessie Aney (USA) & Riya Bhatia 6-2, 7-5.
$60,000 ITF women, Chiasso, Switzerland: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Jodie Burrage & Freya Christie (GBR) bt Weronika Falkowska (Pol) & Ankita Raina 7-6(3), 6-4.
$30,000 ITF women, Sharm El Sheikh: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Maria Golovina & Daria Shadcheva bt Lakshmi Gowda & Basant Kaur (USA) 6-0, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF women, Monastir: First round: Lidia Enchevva (Bul) bt Tanisha Kashyap 6-2, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF women, Antalya: First round: Vaishnavi Adkar bt Polina Bakhmutkina 6-3, 6-4.
Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Vaishnavi Adkar & India Houghton (USA) bt Kristina Kroitor & Marta Makarova 6-4, 6-2.

LIVE TELECAST

IPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Vithya sets new 400m hurdles meet record

She meets AFI's qualification standard for the Asians; Yashas wins the men's event; Niharika achieves a personal best in the women' s triple jump

ATHLETICS

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Olympian Vithya Ramraj appears to be in National record-breaking form this season.

The 26-year-old from Tamil Nadu broke the six-year-old women's 400m hurdles meet record at the 28th National Federation athletics championships here on Wednesday and predicted bigger things this year.

"I could have gone faster but I was tired after yesterday's 400m.

"Had we had the hurdles tomorrow, I'd have surely done 54s," said Vithya who clocked 56.04s and finished more than two seconds ahead of Anu Raghavan.

Vithya equalled the great P.T. Usha's National record of 55.42s at the last Asian Games where she won the bronze.

She felt the signs were good that the 41-year-old record would fall this year.

Targeting the Worlds

"I'm aiming for the Worlds and my goal is 54s. I had clocked 56s early this season, a sort of time I could only manage late last season.

"I'll surely end this year with 54," said Vithya who also achieved the AFI's qualification standard for the Asians.

Meanwhile Karnataka's P. Yashas clocked a personal best 49.32s while winning the men's 400m hurdles (49.32s) but was disappointed that he could not get the 49.19s for an Asian ticket.

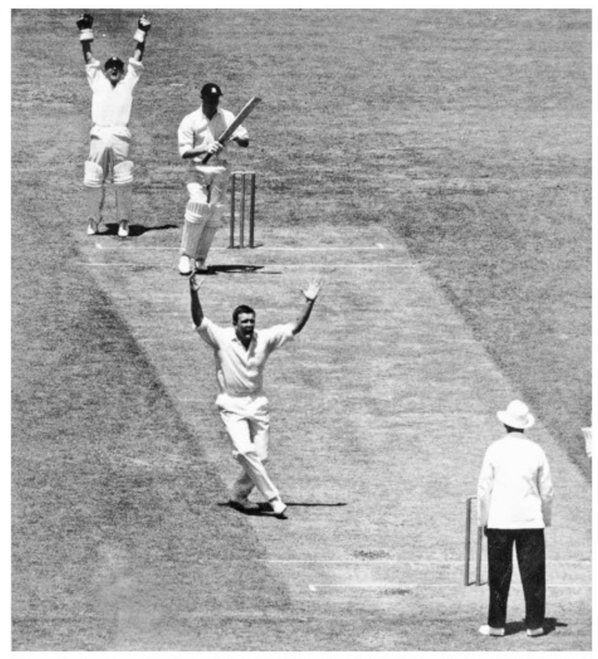
In another corner of the Maharaja's Stadium, Punjab's National Games champion Niharika Vashisht was celebrating a triple jump personal best (13.49m), a last-round effort that saw her beat Kerala's Sandra Babu by 1cm for the gold.

The 29-year-old had completed a two-year doping suspension in February 2022 and now appears stronger than ever, improving her PB by more than 40cm in a year's time.

Fantastic display: Vithya hurdling her way to glory. R.K. NITHIN

Nailing it: Niharika claimed the gold with her last-round effort. R.K. NITHIN

The results (winners only):
Men: 400m hurdles: P. Yashas (Kar) 49.32s.
3000m steeplechase: Sunil Joliya Jinabhai (Guj) 8:43.82s.
Hmmer throw: Damneet Singh (Reliance) 68.30m.
Women: 400m hurdles: Vithya Ramraj (TN) 56.04s (MR, Old: 57.21s, Saritaben Gayakwad, 2019).
3000m steeplechase: Manju Ajay Yadav (MP) 10:34.08.
Triple jump: Niharika Vashisht (Pun) 13:49m.
Shot put: Vidhi (UP) 16.10m.



Stackpole appeals for a caught behind. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Australia mourns the passing of 'giant' of cricket Stackpole

Associated Press
MELBOURNE

Stackpole.
FILE PHOTO: V.V. KRISHNAN

Ex-Australia Test vice-captain Keith Stackpole, one of Wisden's cricketers of the year in 1973, has died, Cricket Australia said on Wednesday. He was 84.

Stackpole made his international debut in 1966 and played 43 Test matches, scoring 2,807 runs and taking 15 wickets with his wrist spin, in an era when batters usually did not wear helmets or much in the way of protective clothing.

He also played in the very first One-Day International, taking three wickets in Australia's five-wicket win over England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in 1971.

He produced his best cricket in the Ashes, averaging 50.6 in 13 Tests including his high score of 207 against England at the Gabba in 1970. He led the scoring in the 1972 Ashes series when he was deputy to Ian Chappell.

Stackpole had a long and distinguished career in the media and broadcasting after his international retirement in 1974.

Cricket Australia chairman Mike Baird said Stackpole's "legacy will live long into the future."

"Not only was he an outstanding player for Australia and Victoria, his work in the media, radio and TV commentary and as a mentor to many players who followed in his footsteps demonstrated his enduring passion and influence in the game," Baird said.

"It is testament to his talent and standing that he was one of the five Wisden Cricketers of the Year' in 1973."

Stackpole, who passed away on Tuesday, was top scorer in the 1972 Ashes in England, hitting 485 runs at an average of 54 as the series was drawn 2-2.

Olmo the hero as Barcelona extends LaLiga lead

EURO LEAGUES

Reuters
BARCELONA

Dani Olmo scored inside the first minute of the second half to earn a hard-fought 1-0 home win for Barcelona against Mallorca on Tuesday, extending its lead over Real Madrid at the top to seven points with five games to go.

Barca dominated proceedings despite coach Hansi Flick deciding to rest several key starters ahead of Saturday's Copa del Rey final against Real, but Mallorca goalkeeper Leo Roman put on a show between the posts to keep them at bay.

Barca finally broke the deadlock shortly, thanks to a fine piece of individual skill from Olmo, who took the ball in a tight space inside the box and quickly fired a left-footert into bottom corner.

Meanwhile, Manchester City's Matheus Nunes scored deep in added time to salvage a crucial 2-1 Premier League victory over Aston Villa in its breathless chase for a Champions League berth next season.

The results: Premier League: Manchester City 2 (Silva 7, Nunes 90+4) bt Aston Villa 1 (Rashford 18-pen). **LaLiga:** Valencia 1 (Guerra 57) drew with Espanyol 1 (Puado 40); Barcelona 1 (Olmo 46) bt Mallorca 0.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Bangalore Dream United thumps Bangalore City

Bangalore Dream United FC defeated Bangalore City FC 4-0 in the BDFA 'A' division football league championship match on Wednesday.

The results: BDFA 'A' division: Bangalore Dream United FC 4 (Jai Haribarman 11, 52, 70, K. Lalrinfela 20) bt Bangalore City FC 0; DYES FC 10 (Bharath Gowda 15, 25, 54, 84, Himadeep 29, Madhan 19, 65, D.K. Vikash 52, Sachin, 72, Cyril Jones 75) bt Young Challengers FC 0. **'C' division:** Vinayaka FC bt Sporting Youths FC 2-1; East West FC bt JP Sports FC 10-0.
KSFA 'C' division: Global bt FCA Bengaluru 2-0; Play Smart FC bt Kodagu Colts 6-0; Silicon FC bt BMFC 2-0.
Women's 'B' division: Inter Bengaluru bt Mysore Vijayanagara FA 1-0; BFLA bt Serva Seva FC 16-0; Mercurial FC bt Nakashtra FC 7-0; Global bt FCA Bengaluru 2-0; Play Smart FC bt Kodagu Colts 6-0.

PSCA pips RKO3

RKO3 lost to Play Smart Cricket Academy by one run in the Tiger Cup under-16 tournament on Wednesday.

The scores: DPS East 78/1 in 9 overs (Abhinav Kulkarni 48) bt Samprasiddi 75 in 21 overs (Sanjit Sathish 31, Aryaman 4/17).
Play Smart Cricket Academy 155/5 in 26.2 Overs (M. Praneel Gaurav 52, Atharv Deshpande 27) bt RKO3 154/7 in 30 overs (S. Shahid Ahmed 46, M. Praneel Gaurav 3/24).
DPS South 280/5 in 26 overs (Viaan Joshi 131, Rachit Das 81) bt Panthers Cricket Academy 118/8 in 26 Overs (Beyon Bastian 48, M. Kishor 3/16).

Shlok downs DPS

Shlok HC crushed Delhi Public School HC 7-1 in the KSHA-BHA Super Division hockey league on Wednesday.

The results: Shlok HC 7 (Venkatesh Kenche 2, 28, Raies Mujawar 19, Mayur Dhanavade 25, K.M. Yeshwanth 32, Prajwal Moharkar 36, Sachin Kolekar 40) bt DPS HC 1 (Siyas 34); Rising Star HC 'A' 4 (Sridhar 6, 41, Prithvi 42, Akash Poovanna 48) drew with RWFSA 4 (Deekshith 12, 43, Ranjeeth 14, Umesh Gowda 46).

Beagles beats Mandya District

Beagles BC edged out Mandya District 44-42 in the Sub Junior basketball championship girls.

The results:
Boys: Vimanapura BC 58 (K. Avinash 20, Siddesh 12) bt MCHS BC 42 (Anav Singh 12, Yuveer 10).
Girls: Beagles BC 44 (G.S. Saanvi 19) bt Mandya District 42 (Akshara 15).

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MODE OF SELECTION: All India basis Common Entrance Test (CET)
Note : The Selected candidates will be paid Rs.1500/- per month as stipend and on completion of VNC/MFC, Post Institutional Training will also be offered based on the merit rank with stipend of Rs. 20500/- pm and onetime Uniform allowance of Rs. 2500/- with the bond duly signed by the Applicant/ Parent.
Last Date to receive the filled in application along with necessary documents is 16.06.2025
Common Entrance Test (CET) centre : Kochi, Chennai, Visakhapatnam
CET Date : 05.07.2025 (Saturday)
Result : 14.07.2025 (Monday) (will be published in CIFNET Web site:www.cifnet.gov.in) The candidates have to check the result in CIFNET website and to attend the centralised counselling as per the result.
Centralised Counselling for admission: 23.07.2025 (Wednesday) at CIFNET Kochi
Application fee: ₹ 350/- for General/OBC and ₹ 175/- for SC/ST through **Demand Draft** drawn in favour of **Pay and Accounts Officer, Kochi** payable at **Ernakulam**

Filled in application along with necessary documents like copies of 10th mark sheet, valid community certificate if SC/ST/OBC(NCL)/EWS and Original Demand Draft drawn in favour of *Pay and Accounts Officer*, Kochi must be sent to "*The Director, CIFNET, Fine Arts Avenue, Foreshore Road Kochi-682016*". Incomplete application is likely to be rejected. **Sd/- DIRECTOR**